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## Abu Nidal holds Swiss men

SIDON, Oct. 9. (AP) Two Red Cross officials kidnapped four days ago were held by radical Palestinian commandos led by Abu Nidal, despite denial by the group, police said today.

"We have established that Abu Nidal's men carried out the abduction. We believe the hostages are held in a base east of Sidon," said a police spokesman.

He said the base was "between the villages of Majdaloun and Bkosta," three miles (15 kilometres) east of Sidon, provincial capital of south Lebanon.

"The area is controlled exclusively by Abu Nidal's group. It's a major stronghold of theirs," the spokesman said.

Masked gunmen grabbed the two Swiss men, Emmanuel Christen, 32, and Elio Erriquiz, 23, in Sidon on Friday, bundled them into the trunk of a car and drove off toward the Ein El-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp on Sidon's southeastern outskirts.

The police spokesman said the kidnappers drove through Ein El-Hilweh to their base east of the port city. Ein El-Hilweh is controlled by Yasser Arafat's PLO which is at odds with Abu Nidal's breakaway faction.

Asked whether police would attempt to raid to rescue the hostages, the spokesman said: "We don't have the necessary force to do that. We have investigators, but not a strike force."

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Many humans owe their lives to brave and loyal dogs prepared to face knives, blazing buildings and fast-moving rivers when danger threatens. — Page 12



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### Ethnics not taken care of

ANKARA, Oct. 9. (AP) The World Health Organisation said today that Bulgaria's ethnic Turks have not received proper care from the public health system.

The charge came in a report summarising the conclusions of a study made by a 14-member commission in Bulgaria and Turkey.

"The commission concludes that there was a clear trend that Bulgarian citizens with Turkish names were not enjoying equal access to, and equal use of, Bulgarian health services, both in general terms and in connection with the current unrest," the report said.

## Kuwait to buy 11 new tankers

World demand for oil grows

KUWAIT, Oct. 9. (Agencies) Kuwait is studying tenders to build 11 tankers to cope with the increasing world demand for oil, a Kuwaiti daily reported today.

It quoted Abdul Fattah Al Badr, chairman of the state-run Kuwait Oil Tanker Co. as saying "the new tankers would be built by more than a single company or state, because no shipyard can accommodate them all."

He said contracts were expected to be finalised soon.

Badr did not identify the shipyards, but noted that the best shipbuilders "are in South Korea, Japan and a number of European countries."

Korean shipyards won Kuwait's last contract for six tankers.

Kuwait has 25 tankers, but it is not known how many are currently operating. Several were damaged during the Iran-Iraq war.

## Negotiations moving 'well'

Israel must quit first

TAIF, Oct. 9. (Agencies) Arab League mediators struggled today to salvage a peace plan aimed at ending Lebanon's civil war and one of the Lebanese Parliament members gathered here said they were making headway.

Saeed Salam, a Sunni Muslim, said the three-man Arab peace committee was seeking "to devise a mechanism that would guarantee" implementation of the peace plan.

Thirty-three Christian and 30 Muslim Parliament members have been meeting in this Saudi resort since Sept 30 in an attempt to hammer out a settlement to the 14-year war.

A pro-Syrian militia leader said today Syria's 33,000 troops would not leave Lebanon unless Israel pulled its soldiers out of south Lebanon and the country's sectarian-based system is changed.

"If they want an accurate timing of the withdrawal of the Syrian troops from Lebanon, we will announce: The Syrian Army will pull out from Lebanon 24 hours after the regime is changed and with the last Israeli soldier gone from south Lebanon," Berri said.

Hardline Christian deputies who owe allegiance to Maronite Catholic leader Gen. Michel Aoun have been demanding guarantees that Syria pull out its 40,000 troops from Lebanon before they will co-operate with the peace plan.

The demand has blocked resumption of formal Lebanese Parliament sessions in Taif for four days as the committee of officials from Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria sought help from Arab and other powers.

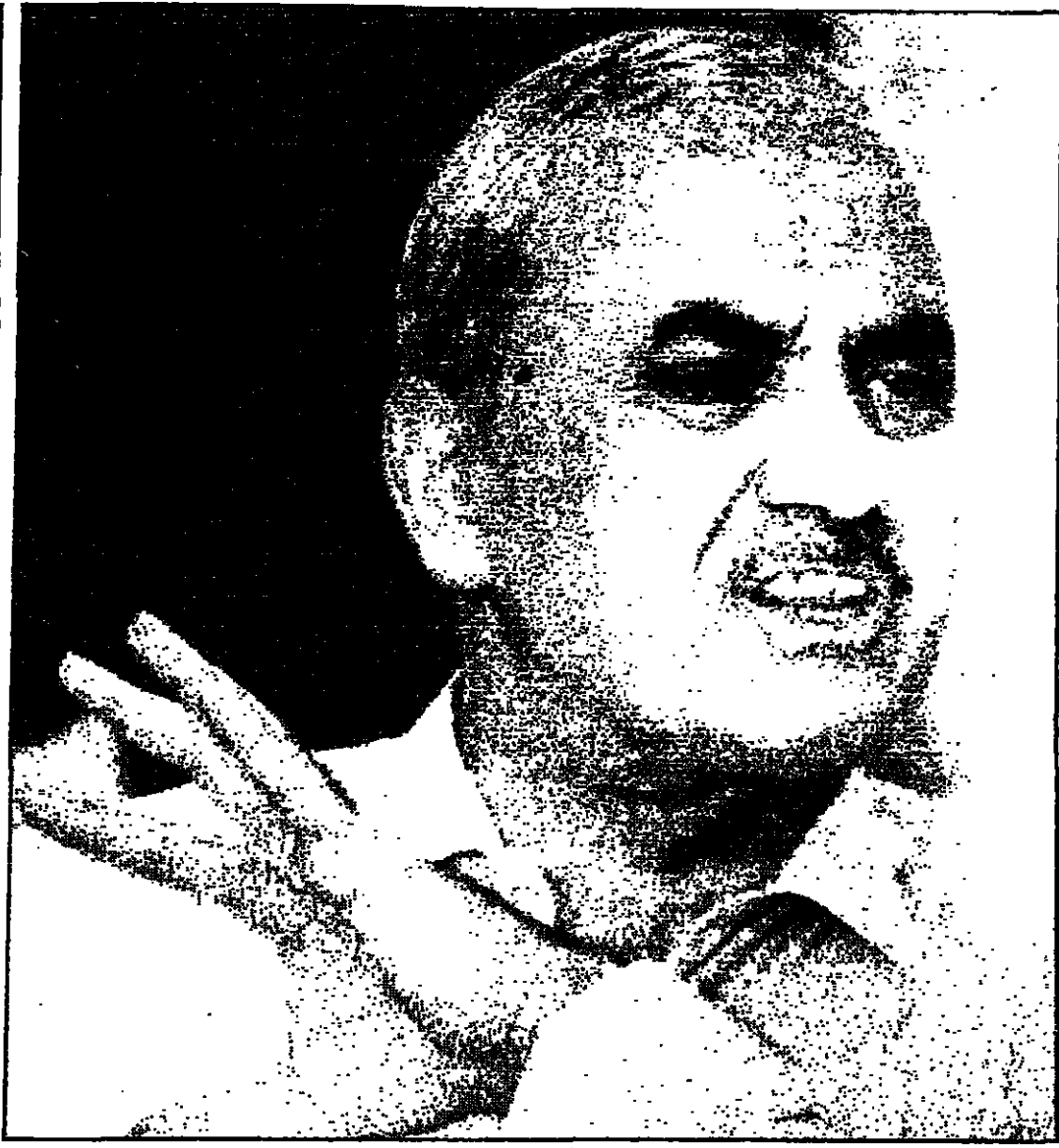
Among those involved were the United States, the Soviet Union and France, along with Iraq, which backs the anti-Syrian Christians.

"The contacts of the tripartite committee are moving very well," Salam said.

The 87-year-old deputy, who lives in self-imposed exile in Geneva, declared tearfully that "I affirm to my brothers in Lebanon that success is inevitable and failure is forbidden."

He also said the conference was the "opening of a door long closed" to ending sectarianism, "a bitter disease ... that has grown out of proportion in these last years."

Muslim legislators grouped in the Syrian-backed national front have urged the ante on their demands for political reforms designed to give more power to the Muslims in Lebanon's hitherto Christian-dominated government.



Habash ... rejects

## Habash rejects polls plan

DAMASCUS, Oct. 9. (AP) George Habash, leader of the Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said the Hosni Mubarak's 10-point plan calling for elections in Israeli-occupied territories was designed to help crush the 22-month-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. So his group rejected the plan for elections.

"The purpose of the uprising is not elections, it is freedom and independence" for the Palestinians in a state of their own, Habash said at a news conference.

Last month, Habash expressed grave reservations about the Mubarak plan.

The PFLP, which is backed by Syria and the Soviet Union, is the second largest group in the PLO after chairman Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah faction.

The plan already has been rejected by the Moscow-backed Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and by the uprising's underground leadership.

Israel's policy-making inner cabinet last week rejected Mubarak's proposal for an Israeli-Palestinian meeting in Cairo as a step toward reviving the Middle East peace process.

## Lanka bleeds, 43 more killed

Red Cross invited

COLOMBO, Oct. 9. (Agencies) The bodies of 16 young Sinhalese men, some with their faces burned beyond recognition, were found today at the spot where Sinhalese extremists wounded several soldiers in an ambush last week, residents reported.

The deaths were among 43 new killings in the Sinhalese heartland reported today by military officials.

Also today, an official statement said President Ranasinghe Premadasa had invited the International Red Cross to help trace missing people, visit detention centres and provide emergency relief.

His invitation to the all-Swiss body that operates in conflict areas follows charges by human rights groups that pro-government vigilante organisations are responsible for a wave of recent killings, mostly of young Sinhalese men believed to sympathise with radicals.

Government officials deny the charges and blame the radicals for most of the 5,000 deaths reported since the extremist movement began in July 1987.

Officials also denied today that the military killed the 16 men whose bodies were found at Tudugala, 40 kilometres (25 miles) south of Colombo. Instead, they blamed "vigilantes" who they said were outraged by attacks on government troops.

Residents of Kalutara, which is near Tudugala, said by telephone the bodies were left along the road at the place where the People's Liberation Front, a Sinhalese extremist group, ambushed an army patrol last week. The residents spoke on condition of anonymity.

The front has been attacking the Sinhalese-dominated government for the past two years since the signing of an accord designed to give greater autonomy to the island nation's Tamil minority and the arrival of Indian peacekeeping troops in predominantly Tamil areas. But the conflict has escalated into a bloody challenge of the government's authority.

About 5,000 people have died in the past two years in the central and southern Sri Lanka, where most of the country's Sinhalese majority lives.

Another 11,000 people, including 1,100 members of an Indian peacekeeping force, have died in the northeast, where most Tamils live and where Tamil guerrillas have been waging a six-year-old battle for a separate homeland.

The military officials in Colombo, who spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with briefing rules, blamed the Sinhalese radicals for the killings of 11 Sinhalese civilians in the past 24 hours.

In addition to blaming vigilante groups for the 16 bodies found at Tudugala, the military also blamed vigilantes for the deaths of three young Sinhalese men whose bodies were found today at Moratuwa, 19 kilometres (11 miles) south of Colombo.

## No deal, Aquino firm on burial

MANILA, Oct. 9. (Agencies) President Corason Aquino today ruled out compromise with Ferdinand Marcos' family on the issue of his burial after the late president's widow reportedly offered to negotiate to allow his body to come home.

"The position against the return of the remains of former President Marcos is based on considerations of national interest and security," Aquino said in a statement. "So it cannot be the subject of compromise."

Marcos died Sept 28 in Honolulu, where he lived in exile since his ouster in a popular uprising three years ago. Aquino refused to allow the body or members of the Marcos family to return for fear of civil unrest.

Also today, two senators called on Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos to disclose details of an alleged plot to kill Aquino connected to a planned coup by Marcos forces.

Sen. Ernesto Maceda, chairman of the Senate defence committee, called on Ramos to publish details because of the seriousness of the charge.

His call was endorsed by opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, the former defence chief. There was no response from the President.

The Manila newspaper Malaya today quoted Marcos' widow, Imelda, as denying knowledge of any assassination plot.

Aquino rejected any compromise after Malaya also quoted Imelda as saying she would negotiate to allow her husband's burial in his home province, Ilocos Norte.

Aquino, admitting the death of Marcos had sparked a wave of sympathy for the late dictator, urged Filipinos today to stop weeping for the man who had "laughed all the way to the bank."

"The spirit of reconciliation has been extended to the blind forgiveness of those who fronted for the dictatorship and who have yet to make restitution to the nation," she declared in a speech to Philippine business executives.

A bomb explosion tonight wrecked a Manila bistro owned by a former spokesman of Marcos, wounding at least five people, police said.

"We had just come in and ordered soup and shrimps when the place seemed to explode. I could feel the impact of the explosion under my legs," said customer Rafael Gonzales.

Police said the bomb was placed in a flower pot outside the bistro Remedios restaurant in the popular tourist district of Malate. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

"It was a big bomb and could have killed everyone in the bistro if it had exploded inside," said police colonel Ernesto Diokno.

### DAY BY DAY

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## Royal family faces embarrassment Unwed pregnancy

LONDON, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Britain's royal family faced fresh domestic embarrassment today when a 23-year-old unmarried cousin of Queen Elizabeth told a newspaper she had been cut off by her parents after becoming pregnant.

Marina Ogilvy, who is 24th in line to the throne, told the tabloid today that she had written to the Queen — addressing her as "Dear cousin Lilibet" — asking for help.

Marina, a trained pianist, is the daughter of Princess Alexandra and businessman Sir Angus Ogilvy. She named the father of her baby as a 26-year-old photographer Paul Mowatt with whom she is living in a modest suburban home outside London.

She said she did not dare to return to her parents' home in case she was kept against her will and that detectives had warned Mowatt he would be arrested if he were seen in the vicinity.

Her disclosure follows unwelcome publicity for the royal family in August when the Queen's daughter Princess Anne separated from her husband of 16 years, Captain Mark Phillips.

Dark-haired Marina claimed in today that her parents tried to trick her into having an abortion and cut off her £280 (£450) monthly allowance when she refused to get married at once.

Marina, who has no title because her father is a commoner, said she and Mowatt wanted to wait until the baby was born before marrying.

The six-page report in Today prompted a statement of concern from royal aides on behalf of Princess Alexandra and her husband.

It said: "They are concerned at the number of inaccuracies. In particular, they have not 'cut off' their daughter. Marina is always welcome at her house. They love her very much and feel deeply for her at this difficult time."

Marina spoke of a furious confrontation with her parents when she revealed her pregnancy.

She quoted Princess Alexandra as saying: "You have got two options — either you get it aborted straight away or we arrange for you to get married this week by special licence."

Marina added: "Dad said there hadn't been an illegitimate birth in the royal family for 150 years. When I said to him 'look, I am your daughter, what comes first, Queen and country or your daughter?' he said 'Queen and country'."

She wrote to Queen Elizabeth because "I know she is a wise and caring woman. I just hope she can help my parents see sense."

The Queen is visiting Singapore, and Buckingham Palace said the matter would be dealt with by the Ogilvy family.

### Nyers elected

BUDAPEST, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Veteran reformer Rezo Nyers, who led the Communist Party before it voted itself out of existence last weekend, was elected today as president of the new Western-style Hungarian Socialist Party, Hungarian Radio said.

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### Life expectancy — gap widens

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. (Kunin) The gap in life expectancy between blacks and whites in the United States has grown for three years in a row, according to federal health experts.

The experts said the trend has been caused almost entirely by deaths from causes like AIDS, drug abuse, alcoholism and car accidents, and not by diseases that are much harder to control.

## Kuwait denies Indian diplomat declared persona non grata

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

KUWAIT'S Foreign Ministry has denied the reported expulsion of an Indian diplomat after he was declared "persona non grata."

An Indian embassy spokesman said: "The news reports are absolutely incorrect and have no basis whatsoever, and cannot be given any credence."

The denial came after an AFP report, carried by two local Arabic newspapers, claimed that former Indian first secretary Bhupinder Singh Bisnoi had been expelled by Kuwait for smuggling "gold" to India in a diplomatic bag.

Bisnoi left Kuwait in June this year.

The AFP, quoting Times of India, which published the story in its Oct 8 edition, also alleged Bisnoi was a representative of the Research and Analysis Wing, an intelligence agency of India.

Kuwait's Chief of Protocol, Ahmad Abdul Wahed Al Ayoub, contacted by phone told the Arab Times: "The news is not right."

In a statement afterwards, Al Ayoub described the reports as "untrue" and said Bisnoi left Kuwait after a regular, normal transfer on expiry of his three-year term of duty.

The statement said: "Contrary to reports, Kuwait had not asked for his departure."

"In fact never in the history of Indian embassy in Kuwait a member of the mission has been declared persona non grata by the Kuwaiti authorities," Al Ayoub, emphasising bilateral ties between the two countries, said relations have been "strong, firm and deep rooted traditional and historical between the two peoples."

An Indian embassy statement issued yesterday said: "Never in the history of Indian embassy, Kuwait, a member of the mission has been declared persona non grata by the Kuwaiti authorities."

India has had diplomatic ties with Kuwait since 1962. Even before the opening of Kuwait's mission in New Delhi, which was opened in 1964, Kuwait operated a consulate-general in Bombay from 1961.

Bisnoi, who arrived in Kuwait on May 13, 1988, left the country on June 18, 1989. He had kept a low profile during his stay.

India-based officers of the mission here are normally assigned for a term of three years.



## Atlantis 'to lift off' despite protest

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Oct 9, (AP): The countdown for this week's planned launch of space shuttle Atlantis started today despite threats by anti-nuclear activists to sit on the launch pad if necessary to block a payload that carries radioactive plutonium.

Electrical power flowed into the shuttle's systems as the clock began ticking at 8 am (1200 GMT).

If a US judge approves, Atlantis is to lift off at 1:29 pm (1729 GMT) Thursday with five astronauts who are to dispatch the nuclear-powered Galileo spacecraft to explore the planet Jupiter.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration decided to begin the count on schedule even though a decision is pending on a lawsuit by three citizens' groups seeking a temporary restraining order to halt the launch. The groups contend that an explosion on liftoff could spread cancer-causing plutonium particles over a large area of east-central Florida.

Nasa officials say the two nuclear-powered generators aboard Galileo have been thoroughly tested and that flying them poses minimal health and environmental risks.

US district judge Oliver Gasch scheduled oral arguments on the suit for tomorrow in Washington. It is the first time anyone has gone to court to stop a space launch.

The space agency said it could stop the countdown at the 11-hour mark for several days to await the judge's decision, if necessary.

The Galileo probe must be launched by Nov 21 or Jupiter will no longer be in the right position. If the deadline is missed, the Galileo probe could not be launched until mid-1991, Nasa said.

The activists have said that if they lose in court, they will attempt to block the flight by infiltrating the launch area on Thursday.

## Environmentalists call for protection of Antarctica

PARIS, Oct 9, (AP): Environmentalists from more than 200 groups endorsed a plan to declare Antarctica a permanent wilderness reserve, as a 10-day meeting on the future of the frozen continent began today.

Representatives from 39 nations party to the 1959 Antarctic treaty gathered in Paris for the biennial treaty review which will consider issues such as the disposal of hazardous wastes and controlling the wave of tourists visiting the continent.

Atop the meeting's agenda is the question of whether to leave the vast continent in pristine splendour or mine it for mineral wealth.

Representatives from the World Wide Fund for Nature and the Antarctic and Southern Oceans Coalition, an umbrella group for 200 international environmental groups, released a statement today calling for negotiations to begin to establish the first world park, or International Wilderness Reserve, in Antarctica.

Australia and France, whose policies have changed to reflect growing public concern for the environment, are pitted in the dispute over Antarctica against countries such as the United States, which generally favour regulated exploitation.

In the past 15 months, Australia and France have reversed their positions on an international convention reached in Wellington, New Zealand, that would open Antarctica to regulated mining. The Wellington convention required

unanimous agreement, and their decision torpedoed the accord for the foreseeable future. Thirty-three of the 39 nations adhering to the Antarctica Treaty initiated the convention in June 1988.

A voluntary moratorium on mineral exploitation remains in place, and few diplomats said they were worried about a rush to dig and drill in the absence of the convention.

To fill the legal void, Australia and

France have proposed that Antarctica be declared a "wilderness park" where mining would be prohibited and other human activity carefully controlled.

Cassandra Phillips, a spokeswoman for the world-wide fund for nature, noted the importance of Antarctica in monitoring climate change.

For a decade, scientists have measured the earth's thinning ozone layer, which lets through radiation that could change the world climate and ocean levels in catastrophic ways.

The US position is shared by New Zealand, Chile and Japan, which is heavily dependent on foreign oil imports. These countries say the stringent controls in the mining convention assure the protection of wild-life, habitat and marine resources.

Besides, he said, "the US is not a single-interest constituency. There are economic interests who say, 'we are not interested in mining now, but we cannot exclude the possibility.' These interests are politically significant."



Inspecting honour guard

Britain's Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by her husband, Prince Philip, arrived for a three-day visit to Singapore on Monday.

From the airport the queen and her party were whisked to the presidential Istana Palace, former official residence of British governors, for a ceremonial welcome

mounted by 100 officers and men of the 1st Guards and 40th Armoured Regiment.

After the ceremonial welcome the queen and President Wee Kim Wee exchanged gifts at the Istana stateroom.

Queen Elizabeth inspecting a guard of honour. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Tragic end to reunion hayride

SHEDIAC, Canada, Oct 9, (UPI): Royal Canadian Mounted Police investigators today studied the scene where a semi-trailer truck hauling logs plowed into a hay wagon, tragically ending a family reunion hayride by killing 12 people and injuring 45 others.

RCMP spokesman constable Ken Fraser said the truck was travelling on a highway near Cormierville, about 28 miles northeast of the New Brunswick city of Moncton, yesterday when it "lost control" and struck a tractor pulling a hay wagon with about 50 people from the reunion.

Two pickup trucks behind the hay wagon were also involved in the accident that killed 12 people, including five children, and injured about 45 others.

Ten ambulances and five rescue units responded from near Moncton, the biggest city in New Brunswick. The injured were taken to the doctor George Dumont and the Moncton city hospital, both in Moncton.

The driver of the semi and the tractor both survived and were hospitalised. Investigators interviewed the truck driver, Fraser said, today at the RCMP office in Shediac, 12 miles northwest of the accident scene.

"An accident reconstruction team is at the scene at the present time and as a result of their findings should be able to conclude" how fast the truck was travelling when it hit the tractor, Fraser said.

## Move to ban ivory trade

LAUSANNE, Oct 9, (Reuters): The future of the African elephant may depend on an international debate in Switzerland this week on whether to place an outright ban on the ivory trade.

The fate of the world's largest land mammal was set to dominate discussions at a UN-sponsored conference which opened today in Lausanne.

Most of the world's nations appear at least publicly committed to the conservationist goals of the convention on international trade in endangered species of wild Fauna and Flora (Cites), which has organised the meeting.

But they are sharply divided on whether the African elephant can best be protected by banning all trade in ivory or allowing nations that manage their herds well to make money by selling it.

"Don't forget, once a species has gone, it has gone forever," Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, founder-president of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), admonished the 103 Cites members in an opening address.

WWF used to support limited ivory sales under quotas to help support African conservation programmes, but in June called for a total ban because of the continuing slaughter of tens of thousands of the animals each year.

"All of us who supported the Cites ivory quota system must admit that it has failed to control the ivory trade," Prince Bernhard told the meeting.

Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa say they will refuse to go along with the total ban sought by Kenya and Tanzania with Western backing.

Delegates said various compromises were being discussed, including a two- or three-year moratorium before allowing at least the three countries with the biggest herds to resume ivory sales.

But they said an informal weekend meeting among African delegates in Amsterdam, and earlier contacts in Africa, had failed to bridge the gap.

Outside the convention hall, 700 schoolchildren wearing ban-ivory T-shirts demonstrated in the shadow of a 22-metre (72-foot) high elephant balloon.

Their organiser, philanthropist Prince Sadatullah Aga Khan, told Reuters: "The elephant is worth much more alive than dead. It's a tremendous foreign exchange earner because of tourists who go (to Africa)."

The British nature group Elefriends banded in a petition with the signatures of 600,000 people pledged not to buy ivory.

The conference will also consider proposals to place tight restrictions on trade in many other threatened creatures including the salmon-crested cockatoo, smooth-coated otter, the north-Pacific fur seal and the Indian rat snake.

Tanzania, campaigning for a global ban on the ivory trade, said today poachers had slaughtered almost half the elephants in its largest game reserve in the past three years.

Wildlife director Costa Mlay said an aerial survey two weeks ago in the southern Selous game reserve counted nearly 30,000 elephants compared to 55,000 in 1986.

## Medicine Nobel for 2 Americans

Cancer researchers surprised

STOCKHOLM, Oct 9, (AP): J. Michael Bishop and Harold E. Varmus of the United States won the Nobel prize for medicine today for their discovery of a family of genes that helps scientists understand how cancer develops.

Bishop, 53, and Varmus, 49, work together at the University of California school of medicine in San Francisco, at the department of microbiology and immunology.

"I was stunned," said Bishop, who lives in Belvedere, outside San Francisco.

Varmus said he was awakened by a radio interviewer who phoned him with the news. "I didn't know if it was a false alarm or they got my name confused, not having talked to anyone directly," he said from his home in San Francisco. "As we say in science, I needed confirmation of the information."

The 50-member Nobel assembly of the Karolinska Institute, Sweden's largest and oldest medical university, cited the researchers "for their discovery of the cellular origin of retroviral oncogenes."

In 1976, Bishop and Varmus "published the remarkable conclusion that the oncogene in the virus did not represent a true viral gene, but instead was a normal cellular gene," the citation said.

That is, cancer viruses cause cancer with the help of animal genes that have become incorporated into the viruses. The animal genes normally help control the regular growth of cells. But when the genes become part of viruses, they can trigger the uncontrolled cell growth that typifies cancer tumours.

Varmus called the research by him and Bishop a "cornerstone in understanding the genetic mosaic of cancer."

"The basic idea that we helped establish is that cancer has its origins in genes that normally do us some good. But after they become abnormal through mutation, they cause a role in cancer," he said.

The discovery already has helped doctors diagnose and treat some kinds of cancer and has helped researchers understand how diseases change.

Oncogenic virus was discovered as early as 1916, although it was not known as such until nearly 50 years later.

"The great importance of the discovery is that we have a completely different view on how cancer can originate, and through that ... it gives us a greater chance to attack the problem at its root," said Peter Reichard, the chairman of the 50-member Nobel assembly, which selected Bishop and Varmus.

"We now have the possibility to analyse the cause of cancer in a much more precise way, because we now know that the cause of cancer is within ourselves," said Gosta Gahrton, a member of the Nobel assembly.

Gahrton said drug companies were now looking for new ways to interfere with the oncogenes.

The award given to Bishop and Varmus was the third time it had gone to tumour research.

Peyton Rous was first given the prize 50 years after his 1916 discovery of a tumour-inducing virus, which was then called the Rous virus. In 1975, David Baltimore, Renato Dulbecco and Howard Temin were awarded the prize for discovering the interaction between tumour virus and the genetic material of the cells.

In 1982, Bishop and Varmus were among the winners of the Albert Lasker award, the most prestigious medical research award in the United States.

Bishop was born in York, Pennsylvania, on Feb 22, 1936, studied at Gettysburg College and Harvard, and worked in the National Institutes of Health, outside Washington. He spent time in Hamburg, West Germany, before moving to the University of California in 1968.

Varmus also worked as a clinical associate at the national institute of health before coming as a post-doctoral fellow to California in 1970.

The medicine prize was the first of four Nobel awards to be announced this week.

## Engine cut off

Jet makes emergency landing

NEW YORK, Oct 9, (UPI): A Pan Am 747 jetliner flying from New York to Madrid, Spain, with 203 passengers aboard lost power in one engine over the Atlantic Ocean and had to turn back for an emergency landing in Newfoundland, Canada, Pan Am said today.

The plane made a smooth landing and no one was injured.

Pan Am flight 156, which left Kennedy airport at 9:52 pm after an hour and 42 minute delay, experienced an engine vibration and one engine failed as the plane was off the coast of Canada just before midnight yesterday, said Pan Am spokeswoman Elizabeth Manners.

One passenger said by telephone from Gander, Newfoundland, the plane "shuddered" when the engine suddenly "lost altitude rapidly and glasses began bumping around."

The woman, who declined to give her name, said she was sitting in first class when the plane "suddenly went nose down."

The plane, bound for Madrid, landed at Gander at 3:22 am (07:22 GMT) after the pilot declared an emergency, Manners said.

"The aircraft experienced engine vibration and stalled, which forced one of the engines to shut down," she said. "At that time the pilot decided that they should return to Gander and he declared an emergency landing just as a precaution."

After the flight landed, the passengers had to wait in the terminal because no hotel rooms were available, Manners said.

She said Pan Am dispatched another 747 from New York to take the passengers on to Madrid.

The plane was scheduled to arrive in Gander at 10 am (14:00 GMT) and in Madrid at 8 pm (midnight GMT), Manners said.

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# US students' knowledge hopeless

WASHINGTON, Oct 9, (AP): US college students may have heard Karl Marx's dictum of "from each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs," but a quarter of them are likely to think it came from the US constitution, a new poll concludes.

The survey released yesterday is the latest to tally apparent large gaps in US students' knowledge. Among the previous polls was one that found 95 per cent of first-year college students could not find Vietnam on a map.

The current Gallup poll was released a day before Columbus Day, the holiday that commemorates Christopher Colum-

bus' discovery of North America in 1492. It found that about a quarter of the seniors — in the final year of their baccalaureate programme — believed the discovery took place in the 1500s.

It also found that nearly 60 per cent did not know the Korean war started when Harry Truman was president, 58 per cent did not know that William Shakespeare wrote "The Tempest," nearly half did not know when the US civil war occurred and 55 per cent could not identify the Magna Carta.

"If the students' answers were to be graded, more than half of those tested would have failed," concluded the survey,

which was conducted for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Armed with the survey results, NEH chairman Lynne Cheney is calling for colleges and universities to revise their curricula so undergraduates study "essential areas of knowledge."

According to the survey, 39 per cent of the college seniors failed the 49-question history section. On the portion of the survey devoted to literature, which consisted of 38 questions, 68 per cent of the students failed.

Cheney said many colleges and universities allow students to earn bachelor's degrees without taking courses in history,

literature, science or mathematics, and urges trustees and administrators to support faculty members who are working to strengthen general education requirements.

Cheney's core curriculum suggest study in five basic areas of knowledge: 18 hours in cultures and civilisation, including the origins of civilisation and other civilisations such as in Africa, East Asia and Islam; 12 hours in a foreign language, preferably more advanced courses in a language studied in high school; six hours in the concepts of mathematics; eight hours in foundations of the natural sciences and six hours in the social sciences.

## Experts intensify anti-bee crusade

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct 9, (UPI): Scientists have begun an intensified campaign against the "killer bees," Africanised honeybees that pose a significant threat to agriculture in the southern United States.

With the beginning of the new fiscal year, the animal and plant health inspection service, an agency of the Department of Agriculture, last week shifted most of its efforts to the east coast of Mexico, where there has been more success with anti-bee campaigns.

It appears the bees' advance already has been slowed. James Tew, the national extension programme leader for the department and the top bee expert at Ohio State University's agricultural research and development centre in Wooster, Ohio, says the advance is about 18 months behind initial projections.

Latest sightings have the bees just north of Tampico, Mexico, about 200 miles south of Brownsville, Texas. They're moving about 20 to 40 miles (30-60 km) a month and it appears they will enter the United States some time between mid-1990 and early 1991.

Janna Evans, a spokeswoman for Aphis at its headquarters in suburban Washington, said the agency and the Mexican government have begun a new effort to set "traps" for the bees and to try to stay north of their advance line.

Because European bees did not perform well in the tropics, scientists brought African bees to Brazil in the mid-1950s in an experiment to breed bees suitable for the climate.

"Through a mistake, some of the bees were allowed free flight into the Brazilian jungle in 1957," Tew said. "They moved in all directions, but we saw the mountains in Argentina stop them, so they started moving northward."

The bees are far more aggressive than the European variety, and several publicised fatal attacks on humans sent scientists scrambling for a way to stop them.

Several years ago, the US and Mexican governments tried to establish a line of defence across the narrowest portion of the country, south of Veracruz.

Evans said the scientists have set up about 40,000 fake hives, made of cardboard and scented with pheromones to attract bees, near Veracruz on the Gulf of Mexico and near Puerto Escondido on the Pacific. These "hives" are checked weekly and, when workers discover bees inside, they cover the hives with plastic, suffocating the bees.

"As the new fiscal year began today, we shifted most of concentration of the programme to Mexico's east coast," Evans said. "We're still maintaining a presence on the west coast, but to make best use of available resources, we're going to concentrate on Mexico's east coast ... trying to establish new trapping areas. We're trying to work ahead of where the bees are."

She said there are two other related efforts under way. Beekeepers are being asked to mark their European queens with bright paint or nail polish and, if they spot an unmarked queen in any of their colonies, to replace it immediately, since African queens will generally oust European queens.

So what can be expected when they arrive in the United States? Except for some areas in the south, Tew predicts the impact won't be widespread. He says the bees do not establish themselves everywhere. For example, they may go up a river valley and ignore dry highlands.

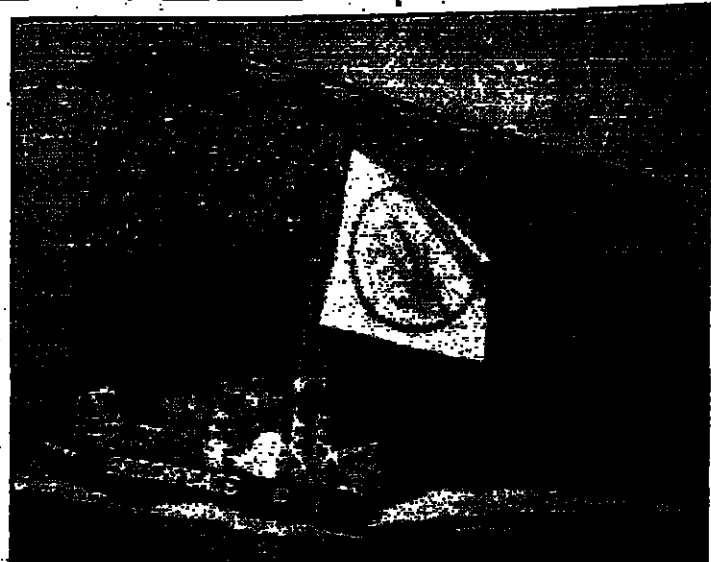
## Famous sea capt Carlsen dead

WOODBURGH, New Jersey, Oct 9, (AP): Capt. Henrik Jurt Carlsen, a sea captain who gained international attention in 1952 when he refused to abandon the storm-tossed wreckage of his freighter off England's coast for seven days, died Saturday at his home in this New York City suburb.

He was 75. The cause of death was not immediately known. As the captain of the freighter Flying Enterprise, Carlsen stood a lone vigil on his slowly sinking ship after a storm tore apart its hull on Dec 29, 1951.

Martiny said she expected tough contract negotiations with the Vienna opera but confidently predicted, "a great musical future is opening up for Berlin."

Born into a musically inclined Milan family, Abbado began studying piano, composition and conducting at Milan's conservatory at age 16. He also took cello and organ courses. One of his teachers was Viennese conductor Hans Swarovsky.



Activists delay launch

Greenpeace activists dart in and out of a 500-metre safety zone set up around an 80-tonne base (in background) for a new Exxon offshore oil drilling platform Oct 6, a tactic they claim forced Exxon to delay its launch by a day. (Reuters wirephoto)

## FBI ad for Soviet emigres Novel approach

NEW YORK, Oct 9, (Reuters): The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is advertising in a Russian-language newspaper in New York for recent Soviet emigres with knowledge on the KGB to get in touch. The New York Times, reporting on what it described as a novel approach to the second-oldest profession, said today that the display advertisements are running in Novoye Russkoye Slovo (new Russian word), which sells 50,000 copies daily to Soviet emigres.

It said the FBI, which is responsible for counter-intelligence in the United States, aims to recruit potential Soviet assets and beckon to would-be defectors.

It was particularly interested in people who knew about activities of the Soviet KGB intelligence agency in the United States. "Replies will be kept in the strictest confidence," the advertisement was quoted as saying, giving a telephone number.

No one at Novoye Russkoye Slovo or the FBI was immediately available for comment.

US intelligence officials assume that Soviet agents are among the 150,000 Soviet citizens who have arrived in the United States since 1975. They are also on the alert for double agents who might respond to the advertisements, the Times quoted the FBI's New York director, James Fox, as saying.

The FBI has already had six calls, the Times said, but agents would not describe them.

## Freshmen attacked

NEW YORK, Oct 9, (AP): Three Jewish college students were beaten severely by a gang of up to 20 youths who shouted ethnic slurs near the site of a new Holocaust memorial, authorities said.

Two Brooklyn college freshmen were beaten at about 12.10 am (0410 GMT) yesterday when they emerged from a party at the Hillel House Jewish Student Centre, said Sgt Diane Kubler, a police spokeswoman.

"They came out of a fraternity party and were set upon by about 15 white youths who called them

names and then beat the daylight out of them," said city councilman Noach Dear of Brooklyn.

A third man was beaten when he came upon the gang and told them to stop, Dear said.

The incident, on the eve of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, drew an immediate outcry from community leaders. The police department's bias unit was investigating, Kubler said.

Dear identified the two students as Joshua Fogel and Steven Weisburg, both freshmen at the college.

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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

NEW YORK: Independence is paramount to Mikhail Baryshnikov, who recently quit the American ballet theatre after nine years at its helm.

In the October 8 issue of Parade magazine the Soviet-born dancer recalls from his childhood "this absolutely pathological urge to be independent from everybody."

"I still do want independence," he said. Baryshnikov, 41, defected when the Bolshoi Ballet visited Toronto in 1974. He since has expanded his artistic horizons in movies and on Broadway, and he has become adept at capitalism, successfully selling his line of dancewear and introducing a new perfume.

Independence also prevails in his personal life.

Baryshnikov, who remains unmarried, has two children — 8-year-old Alexandra, by actress Jessica Lange, and 3-month-old Peter, by ballet dancer Lisa Riosch.

"My idea about the family ... it's not everybody's idea," he says. "My close friends — that's my family." (AP)

Los Angeles: Marlon Brando says MGM-UA studios excised crucial scenes from his new movie A Dry White Season, weakening the film's anti-apartheid message.

"I think they made a money decision. If I know corporate executives, especially in the movie business, I know they were thinking of the money," Brando said in a television interview.

"They did not take into consideration the benefits that might befall people in Africa who are suffering as a result of the policies of apartheid," Brando said, according to a transcript supplied by the American CBS television network news show.

"They're hoping I will go away like some evil wind," Brando said. "But they're mistaken because I'm not gonna go away."

Mary Stevens Hardy, MGM-UA's director of corporate communications, did not return a telephone call seeking comment. (AP)

PINEVILLE, Louisiana: When 11-year-old Misti Mathews bought an old dictionary at a garage sale, she found more than a wealth of information inside.

She found \$370 in cash — including two \$100 bills — stuffed into the middle of the book, said her mother Carla Spurgeon.

Mrs. Spurgeon said her daughter was wide-eyed, and immediately wanted to return the money to its owner.

"She was really concerned about whose it was," Mrs. Spurgeon said. "She never hesitated. She was never

excited about keeping the money for herself."

"I just said we'd have to return it because it wasn't ours," Misti said. The family found that the dictionary belonged to Debra and Hank Tabor of Pineville, the daughter and son-in-law of the woman who held Saturday's garage sale.

"We're really surprised and grateful that the little girl would be so honest," Mrs. Tabor said. "You don't find too many people that would do something like that anymore," she said. "We have a new baby." (AP)

BISMARCK, North Dakota: A heritage centre and Lawrence Welk Museum planned for the site of the Welk family farm recently got a boost from the American band leader himself.

Sharon Eismann, secretary-treasurer of Welk Heritage Inc. in Strasburg, said on Thursday the Lawrence Welk Foundation of Santa Monica, California, sent a \$35,000 cheque two weeks ago.

Welk Heritage hopes to raise \$750,000 for the project. Eismann said the Welk cheque is to be used for fund-raising efforts, paying a curator-co-ordinator and getting construction under way at the old farmhouse northwest of Strasburg.

Shirley Friedrichs, Welk Foundation executive director and Welk's daughter, said her 86-year-old father is in good health and "is honoured to think that people in the state, friends and family would do this." (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Francis Ford Coppola will do another sequel to The Godfather next month as he begins filming in Italy with returning stars Al Pacino and Diane Keaton and newcomers including Eli Wallach.

"We hope to do something in the tradition of the others," Coppola told Daily Variety in Wednesday's editions. "If all three were put together, we would like to feel they're all part of one 'Godfather' project."

Paramount's "The Godfather — The Continuing Story" starts filming in Rome on November 15 from a script written by Coppola and Mario Puzo, who first chronicled the Corleone Saga in the best-selling novel "The Godfather."

Pacino, nominated twice for Academy awards in the previous two "Godfather" films, will return as the powerful underworld Don Michael Corleone and Keaton will play his former wife, Talia Shire, Coppola's sister, will reprise her role as sister Connie Corleone.

New faces include Wallach as a friend of the late Don Corleone and Amy Garcia, who will portray an illegitimate Corleone son. (AP)

## FAA to set new rules for old jets

BALTIMORE, Oct 9, (AP): The US government is preparing orders that will force airlines to regularly strip the interiors of their aging jetliners for corrosion inspections.

Rules are also being considered to require all new airliner models to undergo pressurised tests on a sample aircraft that would batter the fuselage with the equivalent of two lifetimes of takeoffs and landings.

These and other steps to ensure the safety of airliners that are increasingly used long past their designed lifespans were presented at a three-day industry and government conference last week.

More than 300 aviation experts at the second annual international conference on aging aircraft viewed slides of deteriorating jetliners, discussed an array of sophisticated detection equipment and exchanged horror stories, including the supposed discovery of a dead frog in a corrosion-prone jetliner section.

With the average US fleet of passenger jets exceeding 12 years old and expected to grow older as airlines refurbish rather than retire their oldest models, Federal Aviation Administration officials disclosed plans for new "airworthiness directives" to deal with corrosion in Boeing 747, 737, 727 and 707 jetliners.

The orders are expected next month, to be followed in February 1990 by similar directives affecting McDonnell Douglas-built jets and later for other aircraft, said Leroy Keith, head of the FAA's air certification directorate in Seattle.

## Directives

The new directives, which are expected to be adopted in other countries where US-built airliners fly, will require carriers to set up their own anti-corrosion programmes, with inspections on various sections of each airliner at intervals ranging from three to eight years.

"There are no plans for mandatory retirement ages, but the cost will be going up in maintaining aging aircraft," Keith said. The corrosion orders are based on the work of an industry-government task force that already has triggered sweeping changes in the way older airliners are kept safe.

Both industry and government officials stress that none of the steps indicate that airlines now in service are unsafe but are an effort to ensure against failures before dangers arise.

Since the task force was set up at the first aging airliner conference sponsored by the FAA and the industry-backed flight safety foundation 16 months ago, the government has ordered mandatory replacements of parts on jetliners as they reach a set number of takeoffs and landings. Previously, the FAA ordered repetitive inspections, with replacements required only when problems were found.

Those orders focused primarily on problems related to metal.

## Private funeral, memorial for Davis

NEW YORK, Oct 9, (AP): The body of movie star Bette Davis, who died in France at the age of 81, will be flown to Los Angeles this week for a private funeral, her attorney said yesterday.

The two-time Academy award winner, who had battled breast cancer for several years, died Friday night at the American hospital in Paris.

She had been en route to her California home from the San Sebastian Film Festival in Spain, where she had been honoured for her 60-year acting career.

## Abbado succeeds Karajan at Berlin philharmonic

BERLIN, Oct 9, (AP): Claudio Abbado, musical director of the Vienna state opera, was chosen yesterday to succeed late maestro Herbert von Karajan as leader of the Berlin philharmonic.

Abbado, a 56-year-old Italian known for innovative approaches, accepted the nomination. West Berlin's chief cultural official Anke Martiny told reporters.

Abbado was nominated on a secret ballot of the German orchestra's 120 musicians, Martiny said.



Spring summer wear

Loose shorts worn under a blouse and a scarf are presented by Emporio Armani for the ready-to-wear spring summer show. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Fashion power Armani brings back hippies

MILAN, Oct 9, (AP): Spring 1990 will mark the rebirth of "flower power," at least in the fashion world.

Giorgio Armani, who opened the Italian spring-summer ready-to-wear show yesterday with his emporio line, called on the young to hark back to the hippie dress code of their parents — gypsy skirts and shawls, tattered jeans, oversized shirts and jackets, clumpy sandals.

Always a trendsetter, Armani featured knit vests and boleros, fringed scarves wrapped around the hips, long-tailed striped shirts and gaily patched jeans, all sure to produce a generation of labelled hippies.

For his beach boys and girls, Armani drew inspiration from the folklore of the South Sea islands, with fish net and burlap hosiery and sarongs, and diaper shorts.

The Italian beaches have long bid farewell to the skimpy bikini which rocked the fashion world

in the 1960s, to give way to whole suits for women and surf shorts for men.

Armani takes the look a step further by delving into grandma's trunk for those great gatsby striped tank suits, which he puts on boys and girls alike.

A gasp went up among the Americans attending the early morning show in the theatre of his elegant downtown Palazzo, when Armani paraded a bare-breasted woman, surrounded by bare-chested men, all wearing his new jeans, down the runway. The Europeans, accustomed to seeing topless bathing, didn't even bat an eyelash.

The blazer king likes his jackets long and light for next year's warmer weather, with a curved front like a tulip petal, a look made famous several seasons ago by one of Italy's most innovative designers, Romeo Gigli.

There was a touch of Gigli too in the faded pastel shades of the collection.

## Vadim not involved in drugs Fondas defend girl

PARIS, Oct 9, (UPI): Actress Jane Fonda and her ex-husband Roger Vadim defended their daughter Vanessa Vadim yesterday, saying her arrest in New York did not involve possession or use of illegal drugs.

"Vanessa has never given into any temptation of drugs," Fonda and Vadim said in a statement released in Paris one day after their daughter pleaded innocent to misdemeanor charges of loitering for the purpose of buying drugs, obstruction of governmental administration and disorderly conduct.

The statement pointed out that Vanessa, 21, was not charged with "possession of illegal substances, nor with using illegal substances."

Vadim, a student at Brown University in Providence, R.I., was arrested early Friday on Manhattan's lower east side when police nabbed her companion, Thomas Fegal, 22, for allegedly passing heroin.

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## America planned to grab Noriega

WASHINGTON, Oct 9, (AP): The White House was preparing to seize Panamanian leader Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega during a coup attempt last week, but the uprising collapsed before the plan could be executed, top officials said yesterday.

Hours after the failed coup began last Tuesday, President George Bush decided to order the commander of US forces in Panama, Gen. Maxwell Thurman, to try to take Noriega, said Secretary of State James Baker and Brent Scowcroft, the White House National Security Adviser.

The message that was sent was that if there were an opportunity to do this, without risking bloodshed and significant loss of American life, and to do so without open military involvement, then he was free to go ahead, the commander on the ground was free to go ahead, Baker said in an interview on the US television network NBC.

Defence Secretary Dick Cheney said that at the outset of the coup, he told Thurman to be prepared to use peaceful means to take custody of Noriega, but the chance never came.

"After the Panamanians had contacted us and told us ... that they had Noriega but that they would not give him to us. I made it clear that our commander on the scene was authorised to get him if he could, without using military force, and that he should develop an option or a plan to use military force to get him," Cheney said on the CBS television network.

"We never made the decision to use military force," Cheney said.

The order to prepare non-uniformed US forces for a covert action to grab Noriega was first reported in Sunday editions of the Washington Post.

Baker, Cheney and Scowcroft said top presidential advisers believe they acted correctly during the failed coup, despite criticism from Congress that US forces should have helped the rebels or intervened to seize Noriega for trial in the United States on drug charges.

"There is nothing like (perfect) hindsight. Given what we know now about what was actually happening on the ground, then, I think I would not change what we did," Scowcroft said on another TV network, ABC.

Nearly a week after the incident, it was still not certain that the rebels who seized Noriega's headquarters ever had custody of the strongman, Scowcroft said, nor whether told the deputy US commander in Panama, Maj. Gen. Marc Cisneros, that they would not hand him over.

Scowcroft said that the rebels insisted they did not want US help, but they did ask US forces to block two of three overland routes to the Noriega's headquarters, which US troops then did.

The plotters came in and said, 'we do not want American help. We do not want our action tainted by being involved with the United States. All we want you to do is just sort of keep the reinforcements from these two roads,' Scowcroft said.

But Bush decided further military action would be too dangerous, Scowcroft said.

Meanwhile Noriega went on national television yesterday to thank the Panamanian army and his supporters for their help in crushing last week's coup attempt.

"I want to express to all Panamanians my gratitude for their moral and spiritual manifestations, which reinforced the position of Noriega and his men, during the critical moment," the general said in a speech on a weekly television programme highlighting the work of the Panamanian defence forces.

Noriega himself did not appear on the programme. Only his voice was used, as a backdrop to a film showing the devastation caused by the failed attempt.

Opposition supporters gathered for mass at the Roman Catholic church of Cristo Rey to listen to an anti-Noriega priest pray for a restoration of democracy and demand that Noriega recognise the outcome of last May's election, which he voided after being defeated.

"The day will come. It has to come. Our faith will help us through this difficult time," the Rev. Javier Villanueva told 500 faithful.

## Bush defends policy

### 'Best chance for world peace'

BALTIMORE, Oct 9, (Reuters): President George Bush defended his foreign policy yesterday saying it may offer the best chance for world peace in history.

"We promised America peace and prosperity and we're keeping that promise," Bush told 2,300 people attending a three-day conference of women members of his Republican Party.

Since Bush became president in January, critics have complained about his measured response to international developments — from the attempted coup in Panama last week to the crushing of pro-democracy in China last May.

Noting his proposal to drastically reduce conventional force levels in Europe and cut the size of chemical weapon arsenals, Bush said: "Today the promise of change is everywhere, as mankind's natural desire for freedom compels a movement toward democracy around the world."

"No, peace isn't breaking out all over — but because of our policies, the potential for world peace

may be greater now than ever before," he added.

In sharp contrast to his predecessor, Ronald Reagan, Bush has consistently opted for a cautious, non-confrontational approach to foreign policy.

Republican and Democratic critics in Congress have been particularly upset with his handling of the attempt to remove Panamanian strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega from power.

Bush made no direct comment on the events in Panama yesterday, but White House officials have said privately that he wanted to avoid stirring anti-American feelings throughout Latin America by any unjustified US action.

Bush has decided to continue US production of chemical weapons even after a new international treaty on their eventual destruction takes effect.

Bush made no mention of the reported decision when he told the United Nations last month he favoured immediate steps to "halt and reverse" the threat of chemical weapons.



Israel rejoices as he leaves for Cuba (Reuters radiophoto)

## War wounded win the battle

### Salvador breaks the impasse

SAN SALVADOR, Oct 9, (AP): Dozens of handicapped rebels seeking safe passage abroad for medical treatment won their demand after a seven-week sit-in — first in the Roman Catholic cathedral and then in the Mexican embassy.

Forty-seven ex-combatants, most of them amputees, left the country Saturday night for Cuba, where they said they were seeking medical treatment. Details were not immediately available as to how the impasse was broken.

The Mexican government apparently was of major influence in the breakthrough. It chartered a jet to take the 47 — along with two nurses — to Cuba after its embassy was occupied.

The rebels said reluctance on the part of Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani to permit evacuation of war wounded could hamper the peace process begun in Mexico City last month to end the decade-old civil war.

"If the government does not have the will to resolve the small problem we represent, it is going to be much more difficult to resolve fundamental matters that are the cause of the war,"

said Israel Quintanilla, a former fighter for the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN.

Quintanilla, who lost his right leg below the knee in combat last year, spoke from a pew in the downtown metropolitan cathedral.

Eight wounded rebels occupied the cathedral on Aug 20 to gain evacuation to foreign medical facilities for themselves and about 150 wounded comrades in the field.

Their ranks had swelled to 48 by last Tuesday when they left the church in Red Cross vans and streamed uninvited into the Mexican embassy.

The rebels had insisted they would stay in the cathedral as long as was necessary to gain their demand. But Archbishop of San Salvador Arturo Rivera Damas became exasperated as the sit-in dragged on.

In his Sunday homily, Rivera Damas called it a "humanitarian act" for the government to allow the leftists safe passage.

"It makes me happy that humanitarian motives have prevailed," he said.

## Tutu lad gets bail

### False bomb threat

EAST LONDON, South Africa, Oct 9, (Agencies): The son of leading anti-apartheid clergyman Archbishop Desmond Tutu was freed on bail today on charges of making a false bomb threat at East London airport.

Airport officials allege Trevor Tutu refused to pass through a security gate and then threatened to activate a device on Sunday's Johannesburg-bound flight.

The airport went on full alert following the incident and the plane was delayed for four hours.

The court released Tutu on 1,000 rand (\$530) bail and ordered him to

appear for trial on November 10.

Law and Order ministry spokesman Brig. Leon Mellet said yesterday the incident began when Tutu, travelling on the flight from Port Elizabeth to Johannesburg, ignored an order from a flight attendant to remain on the aircraft during the stopover in East London.

Mellet said Tutu "brushed past" the flight attendant allegedly to buy a newspaper in the terminal building. When he returned to the gate to reboard the aircraft he refused to pass through the metal detector, Mellet said.

## Menem gets both public support and bitter criticism over amnesty for military

BUENOS AIRES, Oct 9, (AP): President Carlos Menem yesterday assessed the political effects of the military amnesty he announced a day earlier and found both public support and bitter criticism.

"President Menem had the courage to untie one of the most dramatic gordian knots of Argentine life," commented Clarin, the country's largest newspaper, in an editorial.

"This is not to say the presidential measure will be a balm that miraculously cures all wounds," the editorial continued. But "definitely, he worked inspired by the common good."

Other endorsements came from members of the conservative Union of the Democratic Centre, Argentina's third-biggest political party; a woman Catholic bishop; military figures and Menem's own Peronist Party.

But human rights groups, leftist politicians and other newspapers heaped scorn on Menem for calling off the trials of 39 officers accused of kidnapping, torture and murder in the "dirty war" against subversion during the 1976-83 dictatorship.

"The killers and coup makers of today will be the repressors of tomorrow," said thousands of Com-



A police officer looks at bags containing the bodies of some of those killed in the bus explosion. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bogota bus blast kills 7

BOGOTA, Oct 9, (Agencies): The explosion that tore through a bus, killing seven people yesterday, was apparently accidental and not the work of drug lords at war with the Colombian government, police said today.

The bus exploded on a highway north of the capital and initial police reports said it appeared to have been hit by a firebomb.

But after further investigation, police said the most probable cause of the blast was a short circuit accompanied by sparks that set off some inflammable liquid carried in a plastic container by one of the bus passengers.

"We don't know whether it was petrol, either or another inflammable substance," a police spokesman said.

Fire and police officials said the driver heard an explosion aboard the bus before it was engulfed in flames. The dead included three children and eight people were seriously injured.

Police initially said they were investigating the possibility that the bus explosion was related to the wave of bomb attacks that have rocked Colombia since the government declared war on drug lords on Aug 18.

The bus exploded on a highway north of the city centre about an hour after President Virgilio Barco swore in three new government ministers in a move to end a cabinet crisis linked to the war with the drug traffickers.

A fire department official said the bus driver heard an explosion on the bus before flames engulfed the vehicle.

The bus driver, Luis Fernando Pataquiva, told the radio network RCN that a man and a woman apparently left a bomb in the back of the bus and it exploded moments after they got off.

## Babangida upstages politicians

LAGOS, Oct 9, (AP): President Ibrahim Babangida's military government caught the nation and aspiring politicians by surprise with its decision to disregard the efforts of groups that had spent millions of dollars trying to establish themselves as political parties.

Instead, Gen. Babangida announced Saturday he would form two new state-funded parties.

Thirteen parties had spent two months meeting the tough requirements to apply for selection as one of the two the military would legalise to participate

in elections during the transition back to civilian rule, which Babangida has promised by 1992.

But Babangida, in a nation-wide radio address Saturday night, said none of the 13 aspiring parties "had passed the test as imposed by our vision of a new political order," and none would be authorised.

Instead, he announced the creation of two parties, to be called the Social Democratic Party and the National Republic Convention. One would be left-of-centre, the other right-of-centre, Babangida said.

Opponents claim with equal passion that the armed forces committed genocide.

The dispute flared anew when officers on trial failed to appear in court, the military budget appeared in Congress, and children taken from prisoners and given up for adoption were identified and claimed by their blood relatives.

Menem said he hoped to foster "national reconciliation" by the pardon, which was extended to 64 accused or convicted leftist guerrillas, including former leaders of the Montonero terrorists, Fernando Vaca Narvaja and Roberto Cirilo Perdia.

## Dalai Nobel angers China

BEIJING, Oct 9, (AP): China's Foreign Ministry called in Norway's ambassador over the weekend and protested the awarding of the Nobel peace prize to the Tibetan Buddhist leader, the Dalai Lama.

Otto Pedersen, second secretary at the Norwegian embassy in Beijing, said Ambassador Jan Tore Holvik was called in Saturday. He said the Chinese reiterated their public comments that the award supported the Dalai Lama's efforts to split China, and hurt the feelings of the Chinese people.

The Dalai Lama fled to India in 1959, nine years after Chinese communist troops entered Tibet. He has spoken out since against Chinese human rights abuses in Tibet and called for some degree of autonomy for the region. China rejects all such proposals.

In making the award, the Nobel committee praised the Dalai Lama's dedication to non-violence and reverence for life.

Pedersen noted that the committee is independent of the Norwegian government, although its members are appointed by the Parliament.

"The most interesting thing about the meeting was that (the Chinese) do accept that the committee is independent," he said. The ambassador was called in "to emphasize more strongly their position on the Tibetan question." He said he did not expect the award to hurt bilateral relations.

Since its June crackdown on pro-democracy protesters brought it international condemnation, China frequently has called in Western ambassadors to protest over alleged insults. Most frequently called in have been the US, French and Canadian envoys.

A Chinese official yesterday accused Britain of adopting an "attitude of connivance" toward alleged efforts in Hong Kong to overthrow the Chinese government.

Ke Zaishuo, who heads China's delegation to a Chinese-British-Japanese committee on Hong Kong, also blamed Britain for widespread fears in Hong Kong about the territory's scheduled return to Chinese rule in 1997.

"The British side has unshirkable responsibility for the present problem of confidence in Hong Kong," the official Xinhua news agency quoted Ke as saying in an interview in the colony on China's southeastern coast.

He specifically cited alleged "irresponsible actions" by Britain, including its postponement of the committee's regular meeting in June. Britain suspended the talks to protest the Chinese army's attack on student democracy protesters in Beijing, which killed hundreds and possibly thousands of people.

The committee met instead in September for talks that the British side described as "robust" and the Chinese said were frank.

Ke said the two sides were divided on major issues and blamed this on Britain's "erroneous stand." Among other things, Britain has asked since June that China agree not to station its soldiers in Hong Kong after 1997.

Xinhua quoted Ke as charging that some people have used Hong Kong as a base for efforts to overthrow China's communist government, and that Britain "adopted an attitude of connivance toward this."

China's communist government is holding a big bash this year for the 2,540th birthday of Confucius, the philosopher it once revered as father of Chinese feudalism.

The sage has entered the party pantheon as a thinker who embodied such socialist virtues as harmony, stability and obedience.

New Communist Party general secretary Jiang Zemin, in a meeting with Confucian scholars yesterday, described Confucius (551-479 BC) as a "great ancient thinker of China."

Xinhua quoted Jiang as adding: "It is necessary to select the essence while discarding the dross from his thought. The good side of his thought, in particular, should be used to educate the younger generation in helping them inherit and carry forward fine national traditions."

China has refused for the first time to accept the return of Chinese who immigrated illegally to Hong Kong, a government spokesman reported today.

Cuban President Fidel Castro has been invited to visit China in what diplomats here see as another step towards increasingly stronger political relations between the two communist nations.



# Giscard bid to unify opposition

PARIS, Oct 9, (Kuna): Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former President of France, is starting a new crusade to advance his political ambition for the creation of a unified opposition front against the ruling Socialist Party.

Giscard d'Estaing is the youngest personality ever to become President of France when he was elected in 1974, receiving the majority from the mainstream right-wing political institutions.

Now at the age of 63 and settling for the chairmanship of the foreign relations committee in Parliament, Giscard d'Estaing is

worried over the bleak future of the opposition against a continuing popular support to the Socialist Party.

The former president is also concerned over the growing internal division in the ranks of the right-wing political institutions especially between his Union for French Democracy (UDF) Party and the Rally for the Republic Party (RPR).

For these reasons and in hope for restoring confidence in the opposition, the former president is proposing a complete unity of the UDF and the RPR on January 1st, 1992, just a year before the legislature

elections, under the banner of "the new rally of the union."

"Since 1986, the success of the Socialist Party was the result of our division which caused us to lose the Elysee and the Parliament," said Giscard d'Estaing in the latest issue of the "Express" magazine.

"I am often told that there is no real opposition," said Giscard d'Estaing, "and it is true because we concentrate 80 per cent of our energy to internal quarrelling."

He maintained that the Socialist Party is more divided internally than the division, but the key element behind their success is

their unity behind a single candidate, François Mitterrand.

Giscard d'Estaing did not hide his ambition for leading the new party, saying the leader for such a movement must be free from any presidential ambitions.

Mitterrand today starts official visits to Venezuela and Ecuador, the fourth for Latin America since he assumed power.

The explosion that brought down a DC-10 airliner over Niger last month killed 170 people, not 171 as formerly believed, Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said yesterday.

# Papa fails to form new government

## Mandate returned

ATHENS, Oct 9, (AP): Former Premier Andreas Papandreou unable to garner enough support to form a new government returned his exploratory mandate today.

Emerging from the downtown Athens presidential palace after a one-hour meeting with President Christos Sartzetakis, Papandreou said he handed back the mandate and outlined his party's position in a written statement. He declined to disclose details of the statement.

The 70-year-old Papandreou whose Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) lost the June 18 election to end eight years in office, had been handed the mandate on Saturday. It was an attempt by Sartzetakis to form a new administration after a ruling conservative-leftist alliance resigned earlier in the day.

Papandreou had little chance for success after party leaders stated they would refuse to co-operate with him.

Greek Communist Party (KKE) chief Harilaos Florakis was expected to be summoned to the presidential palace later today also to be given a chance to form a government. But the 75-year-old Florakis has publicly stated that he would refuse the mandate and instead would press for elections next month.

Conservative New Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis, 71, rejected the mandate within hours of the government's resignation in order to force new elections.



Mitsotakis



Sartzetakis

According to the constitution, Sartzetakis' last move is a meeting of party leaders in an attempt to form a government from the present Parliament. If this fails, he appoints a caretaker administration to lead the country to elections on Nov 5.

New Democracy and the Communist-dominated coalition of the left and progress united to form an unprecedented ruling alliance to block Papandreou from power after the elections ended inconclusively.

New Democracy won 145 seats in the 300-member unicameral Parliament while the coalition garnered 28 places and Pasok took 125 seats. Two seats went to independents.

Outgoing Premier Tsannis Tzannetakis who headed the coalition, agreed to stay until a way out of the political crisis was found.

Tzannetakis, a member of New Democracy, stepped down saying his government had completed its mission of launching legal action against corrupt socialist officials including Papandreou and five of his former ministers.

Parliament remanded Papandreou twice within the past month to special courts for his alleged involvement in a multi-million dollar bank scandal and for allegedly instigating illegal wiretapping of political cronies and opponents. If found guilty of the charges, he could receive from 5 to 20 years imprisonment.

## Kurd sets fire to himself

LONDON, Oct 9, (AP): A Kurdish refugee died in a London hospital yesterday, three days after setting fire to himself upon being told he would be sent back to Turkey.

Silho Iyigun, 26, and fellow Kurdish refugee Dogan Arslan, 23, set themselves alight at a detention centre near London's Heathrow airport on Thursday. Iyigun suffered burns over 60 per cent of his body, said Mount Vernon hospital, where he died. Arslan was in Stoke Mandeville hospital in critical condition. He had been beaten by Muslim fundamentalists in his home village.

Helen Bamber, the Kurdish Welfare Foundation's director, said other Kurds had threatened suicide.

"What has happened is tragic," she said. "This is not an isolated case. Many detainees are so afraid they have said they would rather die than return to Turkey."

The Home Office said Iyigun was one of more than 3,000 cases of Turkish Kurds it was dealing with.

Officials have argued in the past that the Kurds come to Britain to find work and are not genuine refugees. But the Kurds say their persecution in Turkey and other countries where they are minorities, is well documented over a long period.

A Home Office investigation was under way.

The Home Office admitted last night that they were warned that the man was in a suicidal frame of mind when they gave orders for his deportation.

## Roh for stronger relations with US

SEOUL, Oct 9, (AP): President Roh Tae-woo, slated to meet with US President George Bush next week, said today he hopes for stronger ties with the United States and scolded dissidents for displays of anti-Americanism.

Roh said anti-American acts such as flag-burning and violent protest have contributed to anti-Korean sentiments in the United States, and he urged "the small number of extreme radicals to change their attitude."

"I have reports that American feelings inside and outside the government towards our country are worsening as some (South Korea) forces have shown fierce anti-American sentiments and also committed violent acts," he said in a weekly nation-wide radio address.

Roh is scheduled to visit Washington Oct 16-18 to talk with Bush and speak to a joint session of Congress on topics ranging from bilateral security issues to Washington's demand for better access to the Korean market.

Roh said he planned to discuss with American leaders "the direction in which our country and the United States can advance as co-operative partners towards common ideals."

Roh said "trade friction" between the two countries and controversy over the American military presence in recent years reflect South Korea's growing economy and new sense of nationalism.

He said friction over American demands for Korea to open its markets and to appreciate its won currency against the dollar have helped trigger anti-American sentiment.

Roh said huge American trade deficits threaten the stability of the world economy, and South Korea's economy, heavily dependent on exports, could suffer if the world economy falls into trouble.

## N. Korea blasts revision

TOKYO, Oct 9, (AP): North Korea's official press today blasted a Japanese book's recent approval of history textbook screening by the government that toned down descriptions of Japan's wartime activities in Asia.

The Communist Party newspaper Rodong Shinmun called the decision "an intolerable insult" to the Asian nations that suffered under the Japanese military during World War II.

"Although it is nearly half a century since the Second World War, the Japanese ruling quarters try to justify the past crimes of aggression on the Asian peoples, far from repenting of them," the Korean central news agency quoted the newspaper as saying in a news analysis.

"If the Japanese ruling quarters truly want peace, they must stop distorting history, apologise to the Asian peoples for the past acts of aggression and desist from repeating the history of aggression," the new agency, monitored in Tokyo, quoted the newspaper as saying.

Last week, a Tokyo court ruled that government screening of school textbooks, including history books, is legal and does not violate the constitutional right to freedom of the press.

The court ruled against a Japanese textbook author's claim for compensation for having been prohibited from using the terms "invasion," "Nanjing massacre" and "battles in Okinawa" in describing wartime actions by Japanese troops.

All Japanese school textbooks must be approved by the Education Ministry, which often orders that revisions be made before approval is granted. The system has been criticised by other Asian countries, which charge that Japan has tried to whitewash its actions during the war.



Pope John Paul II kisses the tarmac at Jakarta's Halim airport after arriving in light rain. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Be loyal to nation: Pope

JAKARTA, Oct 9, (Agencies): Pope John Paul arrived in Indonesia today and stressed that the Catholic minority must be loyal to the state in the world's most populous Muslim nation.

Addressing 120,000 faithful at a mass in a Jakarta stadium after arriving from Seoul on the second leg of an Asian tour, the Pope told Catholics to "render to civil society what is its due."

The Pontiff will travel throughout the tropical archipelago during a five-day visit, including a controversial stop in the disputed territory of East Timor, which unlike most of Indonesia is predominantly Catholic, and where the United Nations and the Vatican do not recognise Jakarta's rule.

The Pope said at the mass, celebrated under an overcast tropical sky: "For the believer, all authority has its origin in God, and those who exercise it for the common good should be respected for the sake of conscience."

He said the Catholic church had always taught "that political authority and the duties of citizens have to do with the moral order. As a nation, you have incorporated this truth into your own national ethos."

The Christians, who have thrived under an atmosphere of religious tolerance and a state ideology that requires belief in one God, are keen to show they are integrated into the nation and avoid damaging their good relationship with Muslims.

President Suharto, who met the Pope at his Merdeka Palace before the mass, recently called on Catholics to be restrained in welcoming the Pontiff.

Christians have an influence way beyond their numbers with five ministers in the government and also a strong economic

## Indonesia tolerates

## Christians doing well

JAKARTA, Oct 9, (Reuters): Pope John Paul arrived here this afternoon to bless his Indonesian flock, alive and well in this green pasture of Islam.

"It's one of their greatest achievements in Indonesia to get religious tolerance," said a Western diplomat.

The world's largest Muslim community, Indonesia, briefly flirted with the idea of an Islamic state after independence over 40 years ago but in the end opted for a constitution that allows freedom of worship.

"I suppose it helps that the government is willing to bring out the stick if there's any trouble," the diplomat says.

More than 200 million Christians, a quarter of them Roman Catholic, are scattered throughout the vast archipelago, testimony to over 400 years of European colonial influence.

One of the largest communities in Asia, Indonesian Christians must, however, face life as a minority in a country where more than 80 per cent of the population is Muslim.

But Christian leaders are quick to point out that they are not small in clout.

"The position and influence of Catholics in society is far greater than their numbers," says Alfons Suhardi, a Franciscan and senior official in the local Catholic church.

"We get more than our size," echoes Soemarto Martowijono, director-general for Protestants and other non-Catholics in the Religious Affairs Ministry.

Many Christians get on in the community and hold high positions in the economy. Martowijono reels off several names of well-known businessmen, who are also ethnic Chinese.

He estimates that half the Chinese community is

Christian, many of them prominent in the economy.

The first recorded Christian to come to Indonesia landed in north Sumatra in the seventh century but it was not until 800 years later, when the produce of its spice islands lured European colonisers, that the religion began to gain a foothold.

Christians resent any implication that they are a legacy of former colonial powers and not part of modern Indonesia.

"Some Muslim groups regard Christians as the prolonged hand of colonialism," says Father Alfons.

"But they are few and their numbers are decreasing. The Catholic church and people," he said, "involved themselves from the first in the independence movement at the start of the century... during the revolution (to stop the return of the Dutch after World War Two) Catholics fought hand-in-hand with other groups. Catholics are true Indonesians."

One sign Catholics fit in is their apparent willingness to go against religious doctrine and go along with a birth control programme that is one of the world's most successful.

"Many Catholics use contraceptives... from the pastoral side we cannot condemn them, they have their own reasons... it's a personal question," says Father Alfons, who also makes quite clear that abortion is absolutely off-limits.

Despite legal equality and the fact many leading members of society including cabinet ministers are Christians, followers tend to keep a low profile.

There is always a fear religious differences could break into violence and the government takes a poor view of anyone seen to be provoking religious rivalry.

President Suharto recently called on Catholics to be restrained in welcoming their Pope.

presence, mainly through the Chinese community, which is half Christian.

The Pope has aroused controversy by agreeing to go to East Timor on Thursday, where Amnesty International and church officials have accused Indonesia of human-rights violations in suppressing resistance to

its 1976 annexation of the former Portuguese colony.

The Pope has vehemently rejected accusation that by becoming the first world leader to go there since 1975 he will give de facto recognition to Jakarta's rule, saying his visit is purely pastoral and he has a duty to the Catholic population.

In a speech to President Suharto and government ministers at an evening reception he added: "At times nations are tempted to disregard fundamental human rights in a misguided search for political unity based on military or economic power alone. But such unity can easily be dissolved."

## Leniency to Burmese students assured

## Thailand to try hijackers

BANGKOK, Oct 9, (Reuters): Two Burmese students who hijacked an airliner to Thailand to demand an end to political repression at home will stand trial in Bangkok and not be repatriated, officials said today.

Deputy Prime Minister Thienchai Sirisamphan, who negotiated a peaceful ending to the nine-hour hijack at the weekend, said Thailand would treat the students leniently because

they had been co-operative and peaceful.

"We would avoid putting them on trial if we could but we are committed to the international aviation conventions so we have to do something," Thienchai told a news conference.

Thienchai said the military government in Rangoon had made it clear it did not want the hijackers back. The two

students, both aged 22, were calling for relaxation of martial law and release of political prisoners in Burma.

Carrying hand grenades and a bomb in a detergent box, they commandeered a domestic airliner with 83 passengers and crew members on Friday and forced it to fly to U-Tapao airport on the Gulf of Thailand.

There were no casualties in the hijack.

## Singapore's Lee will step down by the end of next year: 'one-man' rule to end

SINGAPORE, Oct 9, (Reuters): Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew has said he will step down and hand over power to his deputy, Goh Chok Tong, by the end of next year, ending three decades of virtual one-man rule in the island nation.

Lee gave the first firm indication of his retirement date in an interview yesterday with television correspondent Brian Baron of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Lee, 66, leader of the ruling People's Action Party (PAP), has held the office since 1959 when Singapore became a self-governing state. Six years later

it gained full independence from Britain.

Lee said he had been prepared to step down at the end of last year but was persuaded by Goh to stay longer to give younger leaders more time to mature before they took over.

"I will be stepping down by the end of next year," Lee said. Goh has said Lee will be given a senior ministerial post after he retires.

Lee, whose PAP has dominated all six elections since independence, has made it clear he intends to guide Singapore even after retiring.

Referring to Singapore's offer of military

facilities to the United States, he said: "All we've offered are... berthing and ship repairing facilities for ships sailing between here and Diego Garcia."

"There'll also be some fighter aircraft from time to time rotating into one of our airbases."

Lee said he did not think this "token burden sharing" would anger the Soviet Union.

"Their reaction has been very measured," he said. "They want to improve ties with us. They invited us to invest in Moscow, to build hotels, to bring in tourists."

Asked to comment on economic sanctions

imposed by the West on China after the June suppression of dissent in Beijing, Lee said Chinese leaders must be told in tangible economic terms that "certain civilised standards of conduct even in treating your own people is expected in today's world."

He said he did not think continued sanctions would prompt China to change its way of government.

"They will govern themselves," he said, "in the way they believe they can manage their problems and they are not going to be able to accommodate the world's wishes as to how they should act."

# Alps' victims

## 8 Japanese climbers die in snow

TOKYO, Oct 9, (AP): Six climbers were found dead in the northern Japan Alps today after the season's first snow and two others from the same group died later after being evacuated by helicopter, police said.

The eight — six men and two women — were members of a 10-member party from western Kyoto and neighbouring towns who started a climb on Saturday and planned to return today, said Toyama prefectural police.

The climbers, who ranged in age from the late 40s to 60s, may have died of exposure after getting caught in a sudden snow-

storm in light clothing, local press reports said.

It was the most people killed in a mountaineering accident in Japan since March 1982, when 12 climbers were killed in an avalanche in the central Japan Alps.

A local police officer said six climbers were found dead when rangers arrived this morning in mountains near Mount Masago in western Japan.

Two others found wandering near a ridge were conscious when the rangers arrived but died at a hospital later after being evacuated by helicopter, said the officer.

## Nato exercises begin in Med

NAPLES, Oct 9, (Reuters): Nato forces began a month of naval and air exercises in the Mediterranean today involving the navies of eight countries.

Aircraft and warships from Britain, France, Greece, Italy, Spain, Turkey, the United States and West Germany will take part in the exercise, codenamed deterrent force.



# East Germans see Gorbachev as a sign of hope

FRANKFURT, Oct 9, (AP): In 1953, the Soviet army crushed an East German workers' uprising. In 1989, East German protesters chanted "Gorbachev, Gorbachev" during the Kremlin chief's visit marking 40 years of communist rule.

The Red Army was a stark oppressor for East German citizens 36 years ago. Today, many East Germans hoping for democratic change view reform-minded Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev as a sign of hope.

But the ageing communist leadership in East

Berlin will hear nothing of reform, despite the protests and mass emigration of some of the youngest and most skilled of the nation's 16 million people.

The official East German news agency ADN called the weekend protesters "trouble-makers" who had been chanting "slogans against the republic."

Gorbachev urged East German leader Erich Honecker to accept some reforms, but Honecker bluntly responded during their talk on Saturday

that reformists' hopes for East Germany were "built on sand."

By the end of the day Saturday, more than 15,000 people had taken to the streets in East Berlin and five other cities in the biggest protests in 36 years. They demanded the kind of democratic reforms being adopted by some of their East Bloc neighbours.

This time, East German police put down the protests, using water cannon and truncheons. On June 16, 1953, when the country was under

Soviet control after the war, economic hardship and high productivity quotas pushed workers in East Berlin to walk off their jobs. The next day, 12,000 protesters joined the workers in East Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden and other major East German cities. In some areas, the protesters stormed prisons and took over city halls.

The Red Army responded by declaring a state of emergency and sending in tanks and troops. They quickly contained the demonstrations and killed at least 267 protesters in the streets. More than 100

others were executed for taking part in the protests. Soviet forces were still stationed in East Germany after World War II. East Germany at the time was still under direct Soviet domination, even though the country had formed in 1949.

East Germany's communist authorities called the uprising "a coup attempt supported by Western agents." The crushing of the June 17 uprising sparked an even greater wave of refugees to West Berlin from East Germany.

An estimated 380,000 Soviet troops remain on

East German soil.

But 36 years later, that military presence has a different meaning.

This time, the protesters were emboldened by the Soviet leader, rather than wary of possible Kremlin intervention.

In East Berlin, people cheered the protesters from apartment balconies as East German police, not Soviet troops, tried to contain their rallies demanding more freedom.

## East Germany jails reform marchers

### 15,000 stage strike in Dresden: violence may escalate

BERLIN, Oct 9, (Agencies): East German authorities ordered dozens of people jailed up to six months for joining in pro-democracy demonstrations across the country over the weekend. West German television reported today.

East German officials, however, gave no reports of arrests or injuries during the demonstrations.

As many as 15,000 people, mostly young people, staged a sit-down strike in Dresden late today, while thousands more demonstrated up some of the protests.

East Berlin began letting Western tourists back into the communist capital today, after keeping them out since Thursday during the nation's 40th anniversary ceremonies, West Berlin officials said. Some West Germans were still being kept out, they added.

The weekend protests in East Berlin were the biggest since a 1953 workers' uprising that was eventually put down by Soviet troops and tanks. In addition to the protests, East Germany's hard-line leadership was embarrassed during the anniversary by the exodus of tens of thousands of its citizens to the West.

## Democracy in platter

### Hungary debates leadership

BUDAPEST, Oct 9, (AP): The newly created Hungarian Socialist Party today adopted a manifesto vowing commitment to democracy before going into closed session to debate who will lead the party into Hungary's first free national elections in 41 years.

The new party was created yesterday when a Communist Party congress voted to disband the party and reconstitute it as the Socialist Party.

The move was the latest in a series of bold reforms in Hungary, which with Poland is at the forefront of democratic strivings in the East bloc.

The reform-minded leadership's political and human-rights commitments over the past year included a pledge to the newly legalised opposition to hold by June the first free elections since the communist consolidated power in 1948.

In a show-of-hands vote today, delegates to the party congress overwhelmingly approved the party's manifesto calling for "a constitutional state based on a multiparty system, where the source of power is the will of the people expressed in free elections."

The delegates also adopted statutes describing the new party as "an organisation in the Marxist spirit... totally committed to democracy."

Yesterday attempts at consensus in the new party suffered a setback, with sources reporting serious differences among leadership candidates following the congress's endorsement of party representation at the workplace.

The vote drove a wedge between Rezső Nyers, the top candidate for the party's presidential post and chairman of the old party, and Premier Miklós Nemeth.

Of the approximately 1,200 delegates present yesterday only 107 — including Imre Pozsgay,



Grosz listens to a congressional debate. (Reuter wirephoto)

Nemeth and Foreign Minister Gyula Horn — voted against the workplace measure, with 34 abstentions.

Pozsgay and Nemeth are the most reform-minded of the party leadership, while Horn is a key supporter.

The issue of presence at factories and shops is an emotional one because it has been a traditional aspect of Communist Party political work, and represents the type of approach many in the new party want to disavow.

In the wake of the workplace vote, reformers mounted a campaign to create an honorary chairman's post in an effort to

shunt Nyers aside and to elect Pozsgay as party president, sources said.

A well-informed source, who insisted on anonymity, said Nyers and Nemeth, "aren't talking to each other."

With the Hungarian Socialist Party remaining in power at least until the elections, those tensions could translate into direct conflict between a party headed by Nyers and a government led by Nemeth.

Even before the workplace vote, Deputy Premier Peter Medgyessy had urged the new party to stop interfering in government business pending the national elections.

A leading East German opposition figure warned today in an interview with West Berlin's Rias Radio that violence could escalate.

"If the state does not send a clear signal soon and talk with the people about their wishes and needs, an escalation is possible," said Rainer Eppelmann, a Protestant clergyman in East Berlin. "There is fear in the GDR (East Germany) that violence could soon reign."

East Germany again accused what it called the "gang of Western news reporters" for fomenting unrest. Several news photographers and television camera crews were told yesterday to leave immediately. Authorities also refused to renew the visas of dozens of Western journalists in East Berlin for the anniversary. The reporters were told to leave the city when their visas expired at midnight yesterday.

Maria Jacobi, a Lutheran church worker, said in a telephone interview with the West Berlin radio station "Hundert 6" that between 10,000 and 15,000 demonstrators staged the sit-down strike in Dresden last night.

She said police attacked some demonstrators during the protests near the main railroad station.

In East Berlin last night, paramilitary troops and police with attack dogs forced demonstrators into sidestreets as the protesters shouted "we want freedom" and "no violence." Residents held candles out their windows in support of the demonstrators.

Police seized between 30 and 100 people during yesterday's rally at Lutheran Gethsemane church in East Berlin, according to Hessische Rundfunk radio in Frankfurt.

Several people were injured after security forces surrounded about 5,000 people who had gathered in or near the church and beat many with truncheons, according to witnesses.

Another estimated 2,000 people who tried to join the church vigil staged a sit-in on the nearby Schoenhauser Allee after authorities blocked them, witnesses said, adding that they, too, were beaten with truncheons and clubs.

"Many of those arrested have been given summary trials and sentenced to prison terms of up to six months," West Germany's ARD television said this morning.

The latest arrests came after hundreds were arrested in protests that started last evening in East Berlin. Demonstrations also were reported in Leipzig, Dresden, Jena, Potsdam and Plauen. Some estimates put the number arrested at more than 1,000 in East Berlin alone.

East Germany's state-run newspapers prominently printed a dispatch from the official news agency ADN calling the pro-democracy demonstrators "trouble-makers" and blaming western news media for the protests.

■ The British government today condemned East Germany over security police clashes with demonstrators in East Berlin and other GDR cities yesterday.



Arrested people sit in an East German military lorry last night. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Horrible shame of Germans

BERLIN, Oct 9, (AP): Two fellow correspondents and I were following a column of several hundred pro-democracy marchers down a narrow street in East Berlin early yesterday when riot police surrounded the protesters.

Just as we realized we had been cut off, the police charged us, separating the column into small groups. One of the groups ran into a doorway and then into a courtyard where more police jumped out to grab them.

One of the marchers was able to duck into an open doorway. NBC radio correspondent Gary Matsumoto and I followed him in. We ran upstairs where we were hidden by a family that had seen us fleeing.

The family concealed us for three hours at great personal risk. Police knocked on their door many times, threatening to break it down if they didn't open it. They refused.

Our other colleague — (London) Sunday Times correspondent Peter Millar of England — was arrested and taken to a police station in a suburb. We later found out that he was questioned for six hours and released. He told us that up to 1,000 people may have been arrested on Saturday night

and early Sunday in East Berlin and that many were beaten while being detained.

A fourth Western journalist — London Sunday Observer correspondent Catherine Field — got away somehow.

The demonstration started with about 7,000 people on Saturday afternoon and continued with interruptions until about 1 a.m. yesterday. By then the police had brought in water cannon and used them on the few hundred people still left on the streets.

The family that sheltered us consisted of a man in his 40s, a woman in her 30s and their child, about age 10. The couple asked that their names not be published because of possible harassment by security forces.

As we talked we heard screams outside of protesting crowds when the water cannon went into action, and police boots stomping on the cobblestone streets as police scattered marchers.

Our host, who clearly was risking his job by hiding us, was deeply sad.

"It's a horrible shame that Germans are beating up on other Germans out of fear of change," he said. "We need to discuss our problems, but what

kind of discussion can you have when rubber truncheons are the strongest argument our government can offer?"

Both parents said they were white-collar workers and are intensely interested in current affairs. Their large apartment was filled with books on various topics.

Tens of thousands of despairing East Germans have left their homeland for the West in the past two months, and there is a growing pro-democracy movement that is unwanted by the country's hard-line leaders.

The East Berlin couple was concerned about where their country was headed, and that violence might soon erupt again.

The family offered us food, but we were too nervous to eat. We did accept their offer of some red wine and later, tea.

The husband went over to a window, inspecting the backyard to see if there were any police there. There were none. But police were still milling around in front of the house.

He said we would probably be able to get out safely if we left through a backdoor and walked through the backyard to a side street.

## World News

### Europe

**UFO in Soviet Union:** The official Tass news agency said today that scientists have confirmed the landing of an alien spaceship carrying giant people with tiny heads.

The report was the latest strange tale in the official Soviet media, which under the policy of glasnost, "or openness," have recently told of other sightings of unidentified flying objects and alien creatures. (AP)

**Basques on trial:** Two Basque separatists went on trial today in Madrid charged with a car bomb attack which killed 21 shoppers and triggered national outrage.

The prosecution has requested 950-year jail sentences each for Josefa Mercedes Ennaga and Domingo Troitino, accused of detonating a 30-kilogram (66 pound) bomb in the underground car park of Barcelona's crowded Hipercor Shopping Centre in June 1987.

The trial in the Madrid high court is expected to last three days. (Reuter)

**Pettersson to remain jailed:** The man convicted of killing Prime Minister Olof Palme again pleaded his innocence at the close of his appeals trial, in Stockholm, Sweden.

The court rejected a defence motion to immediately free Christer Pettersson, a 42-year-old Swede, and ordered him to remain in custody until a verdict is pronounced on Nov. 2. (AP)

**Markovic to start US visit:** Yugoslav Premier Ante Markovic today starts an official week-long visit to the United States during which he will seek means of support for economic and political reforms in his country.

Markovic is to meet with President George Bush, Secretary of State James Baker, senior economists at the administration, businessmen and top World Bank and International Monetary Fund officials.

A well informed source told Kuna here that Belgrade is seeking a greater US support especially after Washington increased its aid to both Hungary and Poland, giving lesser attention to Yugoslavia. (Kuna)

### Nato warned over edge

#### Soviet tanks 'better'

LONDON, Oct 9, (AP): New weapons and equipment have given the Soviet Union an edge in tank forces, allowing it to withdraw thousands of older tanks from the front line facing Nato, a new study said today.

The Soviets need fewer tanks because their latest models are superior in some cases to those of the West in armour, mobility and firepower, said Christopher Foss, editor of the 1989-1990 edition of "Jane's Armour and Artillery."

Foss wrote in his foreword to the volume, describing the world's armoured vehicles and towed guns, that the past year was dominated by the Soviet decision to withdraw some of its conventional forces from Eastern Europe without waiting for similar concessions from Nato.

**Concessions disagree:** Leaders of Yugoslavia's divided opposition movement failed in a bid to set up a nation-wide coalition, media reports said today.

Some 30 representatives of communist Yugoslavia's various opposition groups, who met over the weekend in Otoce in the north of the country, called on the authorities to respect human rights and to introduce a system of parliamentary democracy, the state Tanjug news agency said.

They also demanded a stop to political trials, the freeing of political prisoners and the repeal of laws allowing repressive practices. (AP)

### Asia

**Train crash:** Fourteen people were killed and 30 others injured when a train crashed into a speeding bus in the town of Brebes in central Java, the daily Kompas reported today.

The report said accident occurred on Sunday when the packed bus tried to pass through a railway gate, and was hit by the train. (AP)

**Pre-summit sweep:** Malaysian authorities have launched a campaign to pick up beggars and drug addicts before the Commonwealth summit of 46 nations opens in Kuala Lumpur on Oct 18, officials said today.

Welfare department officials told reporters that about 24 beggars have been picked up since Saturday in this city of 1 million people. All those rounded up would be put in welfare homes, they added. (AP)

**Ship missing:** A Thai freighter with 26 crewmen is believed to have sunk off Western Taiwan, officials reported today.

Officials at Taichung harbour, 200 kms (120 miles) south of Taipei, said an air search for the Formosan failed to locate the 9,800-ton freighter. But pilots said they spotted an empty fireboat and an oil slick about 25 kms (15 miles) west of the Pescadores islands. (AP)

**Rebels pledge offensive:** Right-wing Mozambican guerrillas said today they planned to black out Mozambique's cities in a sustained offensive against power facilities to force the socialist government to the negotiating table.

This general offensive will continue until the Marxist-Leninist government agrees to negotiate with us on an equal footing," the Mozambican National Resistance (Renamo) rebels said in a statement distributed in Lisbon.

They said facilities in Maputo, the capital, and in four central and northern provincial capitals had been severely damaged in attacks in recent weeks.

**Party wins landslide victory:** The ruling party in Botswana, one of Africa's few multi-party democracies, won a landslide victory in weekend general elections.

The conservative Botswana Democratic Party, in power since independence in 1966, had been expected to win with a reduced majority.

But it increased its majority in the 38-member single-chamber parliament by three, winning 41 seats and leaving only three for its main rival, the Botswana National Front (BNF).

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## Latvian group now demands independence from Soviet Union

RIGA, USSR, Oct 9, (AP): Members of a Latvian nationalist movement have raised their demand for achieving local autonomy to outright independence from the Soviet Union.

Delegates at the second annual Congress of the People's Front of Latvia overwhelmingly approved a programme aimed at preparing for an independence declaration at an unspecified date.

There was only one vote against the programme from the 1,074 delegates at the congress.

Latvia and its Baltic neighbours, Lithuania

and Estonia, are among the most restive of the Soviet Union's 15 republics. The three republics were annexed by Moscow in 1940.

Over the past year, movements for autonomy have gained strength in the three republics, and they have adopted measures calling for greater freedom from the Kremlin. The Latvian parliament claimed the right to veto Soviet laws, made Latvian the official language and restored schools for ethnic minorities.

The people's front programme is designed to build an independent economy and social structure in Latvia before the republic secedes. It

calls for human rights, competing political parties, and private business in a free-market economy.

In the change of the clause on autonomy the delegates approved a declaration saying the front's goal "is to restore the independence of the Latvian state by creating a democratic parliamentary republic."

"Latvia's social and political life has changed radically," the draft said. "The possibility actually exists that an independent Latvia can be re-created through non-violent means."

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demns the domination of a single political party, it has gained support from a leading communist, Latvian Premier Vilnis-Edivins Brezis.

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# Egypt debates family planning campaign

CAIRO, Oct. 9. (AP): Egyptian and American private advisers yesterday discussed how to improve Egypt's family planning campaign and stop the country's population from doubling within 24 years.

Egypt's nearly 55 million inhabitants increase by one million every nine months and the overpopulation issue is considered the most serious problem facing the government.

Although the threat was first recognised as early as 1937, campaigns to convince Egyptians to use family planning methods have not had much success.

"People speak of a population problem. But it is a

population explosion," Maher Mahran, chairman of the government's National Population Council, told a workshop of Egyptian and American advisers.

Mahran said that only 37.8 per cent of married women used contraceptives in Egypt, although more than 90 per cent were aware of the need. He said religious and social pressures had combined to obstruct the success of the family planning campaigns, and that a decrease in the mortality rate had also caused the growth rate to increase.

The workshop, sponsored by the Egyptian Advertising Association in co-operation with the John Hopkins University/population communica-

tion services, discussed how family planning campaigns made by professional advisers could have more success in convincing women and men to use contraceptives.

One American adviser, James Williams, vice-president of Vansant Dugdale advertising of Baltimore, Maryland, offered very basic outlines which he said were successful in social sector advertising in the United States.

"Set an objective; understand the problem, command attention, communicate clearly, express urgency, speak with one voice and solicit a response. Put them together and you spell success," Williams said.

The workshop organizers said that the American participation was simply to exchange ideas and not to be involved in any new campaigns.

Egyptian advisers, including the head of the government's information, education and communication center which almost singlehandedly produces the campaigns, pointed out mistakes in former campaigns.

"All our campaigns have taken one outline which is health, but that is not enough to treat all the sides of the problem in Egypt," Nabil Osman, director of the information, education and communication center said.

# Iran speeds up reconstruction

## Military spending raised

NICOSIA, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Iran's cabinet has raised military spending and speeded up reconstruction projects in a revised five-year plan to revive the economy.

President Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, committed to increasing the role of the private sector, said the government had made major changes to the plan drafted last year when Mir-Hossein Mousavi, an advocate of state control, was prime minister.

"We decided to make some amendments in the plan under the new atmosphere," the Iranian news agency Irna quoted Rafsanjani as saying in a televised interview broadcast yesterday.

He said foreign credits would be used for some projects and the time estimated for repairing damage incurred in the war against Iraq was reduced to two years from five.

The plan will be presented to parliament for final approval.

Rafsanjani said investment in the oil, gas and petrochemical industries, mines and cement, rubber and paper production would be increased.

"Great efforts will... be made to reduce the role of oil as the mere source of income and to bring the country's economy out of its single-product state," he said.

Before the revisions, the plan envisaged oil revenues of \$76.8 billion and non-oil hard currency earnings of \$12.9 billion in the five years to March 1994.

It put total investment in the five years at \$345 billion, some of it raised by selling government-owned industries, and predicted an annual growth rate of eight per cent in the gross national product.

Critics, including the radical

newspaper Kayhan International, have described the plan as more ambitious than realistic.

Others have expressed doubts whether Rafsanjani, elected President in July on a platform of economic reforms, could implement the plan without making profound changes in Iran's bureaucratic management.

Rafsanjani gave no new overall figures, but he said credits for the military and security forces would be increased by \$1.5 billion.

Iranian leaders have said the country must boost its military power while the peace talks with Iraq, started after a ceasefire in August 1988, remain deadlocked.

Rafsanjani said the transport sector would get an extra \$2 billion, telecommunications \$2 billion and agriculture \$1.5 billion in the new draft.

He reiterated the government's determination to develop the gas industry, partly through joint ventures with neighbouring countries which share gas reserves with Iran.

Factories now have an idle capacity of 60 per cent and Rafsanjani said the government would provide hard currency at the official rate to those producing essential goods.

Others would receive hard cash at higher rates and some industries, like paper, would be allowed to borrow abroad provided they could repay the loans by exporting their products.

"No direct borrowing has been considered but we will enjoy foreign credits for some of our projects, which is a kind of borrowing," he said.

# Peace move still alive, says Baker

## Talks should lead to conference: PLO

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. (Agencies): US Secretary of State James Baker said yesterday he believed prospects for a Middle East peace initiative were alive despite Israel's rejection of an Egyptian proposal to host direct talks with Palestinians.

"I don't think that vote (on Friday) means things are dead in the water at all," Baker said in an interview on US television.

He said he has held several telephone conversations with the Egyptian and Israeli foreign ministers since Friday when the Israeli inner-cabinet rejected the plan.

Baker said he felt there was "still some chance" an elections proposal made by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir would work.

He said the 10-point proposal by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak "was actually an effort to move the elections proposal forward."

Baker said he has discussed specific language with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Esmat Abdel Maguid to move the election proposal forward.

"They are taking a look at this language and we're going to continue to work to see if we can put this together. We are very actively involved," he said.

Israeli officials have said they hoped for a formal letter from Baker outlining a proposal for talks on the make-up of the Palestinian delegation.

Baker said a message had been sent to both sides, but that it was not in any way a separate or competing proposal.

"We are working with lan-

guage to try and bridge the gap between Israelis on the one hand and Palestinians on the other. And we will continue to work very hard to do that," he added.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leaders blamed United States for the refusal by Shamir to hold peace talks with Palestinians, the Palestinian news agency Wafa said in Tunis today.

It said the PLO's Executive Committee and Fatah Central Committee yesterday decided that US support for Israel's election plan for the occupied territories lay behind the Israeli refusal to hold direct peace talks as proposed by Egypt.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat chaired the meeting which included Nayef Hawatme, secretary-general of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and representatives of George Habash's Popular Front for the

Liberation of Palestine, the pro-Iraqi Arab Liberation Front, the Palestine Liberation Front of Abu Abbas and the Palestinian Communist Party.

A senior aide to Arafat invited US State Department envoy Dennis Roth to visit Tunis for talks with the PLO.

Bassam Abu Sharif, one of the Arafat's closest advisers, suggested that Roth should visit Tunis before going to Israel and Egypt for consultations on Middle East peace diplomacy.

Would-be Palestinian negotiators have urged more US pressure on Israel to begin peace talks and warned of more violence because of Israel's refusal to meet them under an Egyptian peace plan.

One of the Palestinians suggested by Mubarak appealed to European countries and the United States to lead to the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.

"The United States must take



Israeli soldiers check the identification of drivers as they approach a roadblock. Israel sealed off the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip on Oct 8 and put troops on alert as the Jewish state shut down for the annual Day of Atonement fast. (Reuters wirephoto)

a more active and serious role to convince the Israelis to hold the meeting proposed by Mubarak" Radwan Abu Ayyash said in a telephone interview.

Assad Saftawi, a Gaza Strip school principal and another person reportedly suggested by Mubarak, said he was shocked that Mubarak's plan was rejected.

"A senior Palestinian official

was quoted today as saying any dialogue with Israel should lead to an international peace conference.

"We will not accept any dialogue with Israel unless it leads to an international peace conference," Executive Committee member of the PLO Yasser Abed Rabbo told the London-based Saudi daily Asharq Al Awsat.

# Nablus under curfew, 1 dead

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 9. (AP): A 32-year-old masked Palestinian was shot and killed by Israeli forces in the central market of the West Bank town of Nablus, and three soldiers later were wounded in a firebombing nearby.

The army spokesman's office today confirmed the incidents, which began about 8 pm (1800 GMT) yesterday and ended early today when the army imposed a curfew on Nablus to prevent further violence.

There also were reports that an elderly Palestinian, 75-year-old Ahmad Serwan, died after the army fired tear-gas outside his Nablus home.

Dr Assem Abu Shamma, a volunteer with the Red Crescent Society in Nablus, said that Serwan suffered from asthma and that the death appeared to be the result of the tear-gas inhalation.

The army spokesman's office said it had no reports of tear-gas being fired by the army but was checking further.

The clashes occurred as Jews marked Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, with fasting and prayers of penance.

Traffic on the nation's highways and in Jewish neighbourhoods came to a halt, commercial flights were suspended and the order with Egypt and bridges to Jordan were closed.

The Gaza Strip was sealed off to prevent Gazans from entering Israel on Yom Kippur, Judaism's holiest day.

Shops were closed in Arab East Jerusalem and in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip today to mark the start of the 23rd month of the uprising against Israeli rule in the territories.

The general strike was to continue tomorrow.

The army said the incidents in Nablus began when soldiers encountered several masked Palestinian men in the town's central market last night. An army spokesman said some of the Palestinians were armed with swords or knives.

He said troops opened fire when the Palestinians failed to respond to warning shouts and warning shots. The army spokesman said one Palestinian was killed and another wounded.

Arab reports identified the dead man as Ghassan Hammad, 32.

The fire bomb was thrown at an army patrol at about 3 am (0100 GMT) today. Witnesses said one soldier was seen running from the jeep with his uniform ablaze.

# Schools reopen

## Normal life returning to Beirut

BEIRUT, Oct. 9. (Agencies): Hundreds of students flocked back to the American University of Beirut when it reopened today after a six-month shutdown because of fighting between Syrian and Christian forces. Most Beirut schools also reopened.

It was the longest shutdown at the university, alma mater of the Arab world's elite, since Lebanon's civil war erupted in 1975.

"The whole family's back," said Radwan Mawlawi, spokesman for the violence-plagued university that was once the most prestigious in the Middle East.

"Everything's in place. The faculty and students are here," he told reporters as Syrian troops and ad-beret Lebanese policemen checked students' identity cards at the three gates into the tree-lined campus overlooking the Mediterranean.

It was not immediately known how many of the university's 5,000 students, most of them Lebanese, returned today.

But Ghada Sheib, a Shiite Muslim architecture student, said: "I'm very happy to be back. Let's hope it'll last."

Other students, like many Beirutis, shared her doubts about whether the ceasefire brokered by the Arab League Sept 22 will last, despite peace talks in the Saudi Arabian resort of Taif.

The closure of the university, caused chaos for the students who were unable to sit examinations.

Marleen de Tavernier, a 29-year-old Belgian doctor studying public health, said: "I've been waiting for this day. I only need two more months to finish my master's."

Monday's opening coincided the resumption of classes at scores of schools which had also been forced to shut down because of the shelling. Education officials estimated that some 800,000 university students and schoolchildren returned to classes.

More than 900 people were killed and nearly 3,000 wounded in the artillery duels, among the most savage of the civil war.

In the biggest sign that normal life was returning to the country after a ceasefire was enforced last month, most public and private schools reopened their gates to receive hundreds of thousands of children.

"This is a lovely day for all parents in Lebanon. At least now we know our children have a future," said Joanna Khoury, mother of a six-year-old boy.

But some schools remained closed because of war damage or because they were still sheltering the homeless from six months of artillery battles between Christian-led forces and Syrian troops supported by Muslim and leftist militias.

## Assassination charge dropped

NICOSIA, Oct. 9. (Agencies): Charges of plotting to assassinate Lebanon's Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun were dropped against six Lebanese men after they pleaded guilty today to a lesser charge of illegally possessing arms.

The six Lebanese men who had told Cyprus police they planned to assassinate Aoun last May pleaded guilty today to charges of illegal possession of missiles, automatic rifles and other weapons.

Police told the court that two Soviet-made missiles were discovered by two Cypriot scout divers off the coast of Larnaca in southeast Cyprus on May 28. Police later raided an apartment where the six men were staying in a building with a clear view of Larnaca International Airport, and found five Soviet-made automatic rifles, 17 loaded magazines of ammunition, 28 handgrenades, two firing mechanisms, two rubber dinghies, three walkie-talkies and forged travel documents.

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The spokesman, who was not named in line with standing regulations, said an

operations centre has been set up in Muscat "and we are liaising closely the Sultan of Oman's Air Force and Navy. We are warning the public not to touch or tamper with these barrels in any way. The chemical is both toxic and highly inflammable."

The ministry alerted the Regional Organisation for the Protection of the Marine Environment and was keeping it briefed on the day-to-day situation, he said. "We will deal firmly with anyone attempting to dump hazardous chemicals on our shores," he added.



A schoolchild accompanied by his mother passes near a destroyed car on his way to school. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Turmoil reported at Taif talks

MANAMA, Oct. 9. (UPI): A prominent Beirut newspaper said today that Lebanon reconciliation talks in Saudi Arabia could be torpedoed because of deep divisions between Muslim and Christian lawmakers.

The East Beirut daily Ad Diyar also reported that Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, intervened after several Christian Lebanese deputies demanding a time-table for a Syrian troop withdrawal started packing their bags in readiness to return to Beirut.

The reported turmoil at the talks, taking place at the Saudi mountain resort of Taif, came as one prominent leftist Lebanese deputy said failure to reach agreement could spark an even more savage war in his strife-torn Middle East nation.

But countries such as the United States, which have backed the latest Arab League-sponsored

peace initiative for Lebanon from the beginning of the Taif talks nine days ago, insisted there was still hope of a compromise.

US Secretary of State James Baker, commenting on reports the Lebanon talks were floundering, said on Sunday the Lebanon peace process was "still alive."

But Baker failed to satisfy Christian demands that he make it easier for Syria to agree to a time-table for a troop withdrawal for Lebanon, by urging Israel to also pull its forces out of Lebanon, where they patrol a self-declared security zone.

The US embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, issued a statement on Sunday in response to Saudi calls for international support for the Lebanese peace effort. The statement said the Arab League initiative had given Lebanese "new hope," and "deserves full support."

the same chemical had already been reported off the UAE coast, the spokesman said, adding: "We expect many, many more."

Samples were taken for analysis in government laboratories in the capital Muscat, he said. All the drums were now under a police guard.

Reports over the past fortnight had suggested the barrels fell off the freighter White Star, previously known as the Pro-Americana, the spokesman said. German managers of the vessel had vehemently denied the reports.

"But we now believe they have come

from a very old ship called the Ajman Glory, which we understand sank off the Arabian Sea coast between Ajman and Umm Al Quwain. We are told it was carrying 2,100 barrels of this chemical when it had an accident," he said.

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# Oman Air Force, Navy search for drums of toxic chemical

MUSCAT, Oct. 9. (AP): Air Force helicopters and Navy patrols yesterday joined in an air and sea search for drums of a toxic chemical floating off Oman in the Arabian Sea.

An Environment Ministry spokesman said 11 barrels of inflammable vinyl acetate monomer had so far been washed ashore on the coast of the Musandam peninsula. Oman's northernmost province separated from the rest of the Sultanate by part of the United Arab Emirates.

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# Unified GCC Civil Defence system reviewed

Oct 8 nominated as 'Civil Defence Day'

KUWAIT, Oct 9, (Kuna): Director General of the Civil Defence Department Col. Khaled Al Qu'oud today said that the 3rd meeting of director-generals of Civil Defence in the GCC states had realised a number of major recommendations, which will be referred to the upcoming meeting of interior ministers for final endorsement.

Qu'oud, in an interview with Kuna, indicated that the meeting held in Riyadh last week had reviewed the unified system project for Civil Defence in the Gulf states,

prepared by Saudi Arabia, and recommended that the project be sent to GCC members for comments.

He added that the meeting also took note of the study presented by Kuwait on the operation command room. It was agreed that the Kuwaiti study be considered as reference when preparing similar studies.

Col. Qu'oud said the conferees examined the unified system for volunteers, prepared by Saudi Arabia and also a study on the relationship between

insurance companies and Civil Defence authorities, presented by Bahrain.

## Sponsorship

He indicated that members agreed to sponsor a Civil Defence Day on Oct 8 of each year. "Safety in the House" has been chosen as next year's theme.

On safety measures being applied in member states, the meeting recommended that the GCC General Secretariat conduct a study on standardising safety measures.

The Kuwaiti Civil Defence official said

that the meeting called on members to join specialised international organisations to benefit from their expertise in this field.

Relating to the civil defence programme for volunteers, which began last year, he said that the programme was remarkably successful, thanks to the awareness displayed by citizens toward the requirements of safety and security.

He added that the first batch of volunteers will be given additional training annually so they can be of effective use in the future.

# Primary health care requires developing

Hospitals overloaded

THOUGH Kuwait has realised considerable progress in the field of health services in comparison with other countries, primary health care is still inadequate compared to other services in the country and there is an imperative need for development.

To highlight this issue, a local daily interviewed a number of health officials, in addition to some citizens.

Dr Abdullah Abdul Aziz Al Rashed, chairman of Kuwait Medical Association said that undoubtedly any development in any service requires sound planning, scientific expertise and dedicated professionals. The official called for reevaluation of the relations between human beings and health centres available in the country.

Meanwhile, the official rejected the slogan "The Patient is Always Right" commenting that such a slogan borders on the ridiculous.

Dr Adel Al Khafash, director of Al Sabah Hospital called for

improving health services at health centres. Undoubtedly, the official said that these centres form the core and are at the forefront in fighting diseases and providing professional medical assistance.

Dr Abdul Latif Al Sahli, director of Ibn Sina Hospital, also commented that continuity in ensuring good health services requires a well trained and qualified workforce. He added that the medical services comprises several links including physicians, nurses, technicians, administrative and supportive staff and to offer good medical services, all these links should be integrated. The official further commented that austerity should not be made applicable to health services, as any rationalisation aimed in this direction could negatively affect these services. He called for introducing the incentive system to attract qualified medical professionals.

Dr Yusuf Al Nisif, director of Mubarak Al Kabser Hospital

commented that it is possible to reduce the number of complaints from patients by urging physicians to devote more time to patients during the diagnosis process. He added that some complaints were baseless and should be verified before it is published in the media.

The director of Psychiatric Hospital Dr Abdurrahman Al Asfour attributed the increase of complaints to the absence of confidence between the patient and his attending doctor. He called for the development of primary health care and the application of the family doctor system.

He described hospitals as the second defence line for patients, while the Health Centre should be treated as the first line of defence. He added about 35 to 40 per cent of the energy of hospital were being devoted for primary health care, while this care should be given by the health centres in order to alleviate the pressure on the hospitals.

A number of citizens were also interviewed to highlight this issue.

# Islamic causes upheld by Amir

KUWAIT, Oct 9, (Kuna): State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Abdul Aziz Al Rashid has said that HH the Amir's recent visit to Bulgaria and Turkey reflects HH's great interest in Muslim and Islamic causes.

Rashid added, in a statement to Al Yaqaza magazine, that the Amir, as chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, has from the first moments of eruption of the Muslim minority problem in Bulgaria worked to resolve it. He said HH's initiative achieved its goals.

About the recently-concluded non-aligned summit in Belgrade, Rashid said the summit succeeded in reviving the Non-Aligned Movement.

On administrative development in Kuwait, the state minister said that his concept of the administrative development is to train young cadres and retain experts.

He said administrative development is also a continued renovation of the administration to upgrade its capabilities and catch up with the cultural, scientific and technological progress.

About employment of new Kuwait University graduates, Rashid said jobs exist but appointments are being made within the framework of the country's needs.

Concluding, he said, HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah's door is open and he listens to any complaints from citizens and so do the ministers.

# Employment of retirees supported by citizens

KUWAIT'S Civil Service Commission (CSC) is currently involved in a comprehensive study aimed at evaluating the feasibility of re-employing retirees to benefit from their long experience in different fields. To highlight this issue, a local daily polled the opinion of some citizens to probe their point of view over the proposal.

Abdulmohsen Sarhan described the idea as a positive one and said that the translation of the idea into actual application will prove beneficial, particularly if these retirees are appointed in appropriate places commensurate with their previous positions.

Another citizen Bader Salem called for implementing of the idea as early as possible. This idea will upgrade the morale of this section of society and added that most retirees complain of too much leisure and this step will help solve this problem.

Abdulkareem Manea commented that the study which the CSC is currently involved in should emphasise that an individual attaining sixty years of age does not always constitute an obstacle hampering his production and contribution in the development process.

He stressed his support to the idea.

Moosa Abdullah Mohammed a retiree, has upheld the idea and has called for appointing any retiree who may desire to have a job which might be commensurate with his experience and qualification.



Rashid and Shattil at the symposium.

# Playtime benefits kids

Arab Child Day symposium

By Bassam Qasas

THE Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour organised a symposium to mark the celebration of the Arab Child's Day, under the title: "The Child's Right to Play." The main participants were Dr Basheer Al Rasheedi, member of Kuwait University teaching staff and specialist in psychological rehabilitation and Dr Adnan Al Shattil, professor of psychology at the university.

Rasheedi began his lecture by stressing the role of play in moulding the child's character further describing play as an investment of effort, time and money, since it helps develop the child's talents and helps the child grow.

He said child's play was the dynamics of organic growth, and that through play the child could gain experience, learn of new things that are around and develop the knack for balancing outward and inward concepts and thus be able to create a personal system of classification of accumulated experience and knowledge.

Rasheedi pointed out that play was very important for the child to come to appreciate that the outside world is not there to suit all his purposes. He could learn to give vent to his pent-up emotions, and consequently learn more about himself and adapt to

the true nature of things. He also said that through play a child could learn to develop his gregarious instincts, and interact with his fellow play mates, such as in a football game where the child would learn to co-operate, show commitment, sympathise with others and learn to play into the hands of the group.

Shattil afterwards delivered his lecture in which he said that in Kuwait the child has no choice to decide when, where or how to play, and that this decision was always taken by adults for children.

He said that adults committed the mistake of discriminating between children in play in terms of their respective IQ's or their sex and that only when the playing atmosphere was right and the psychology suitable, would the child be able to manifest his talent, learn how to perfect his abilities and develop his character.

Dr Rasheedi then commented on a question asked by the audience in which he said that despite the restrained freedom of the children of today, they nevertheless are luckier. However the family still exhibits a bad need for more consciousness as to what type of play they should allow or even encourage their children to indulge in, under their constant watch.

# Toxins posing threat to Gulf

THE co-ordinator-general of the Regional Organisation for the Protection of Marine Environment (Ropme) for technical and administrative affairs Dr Badriyyah Al Awadi has warned against the potential drift of the poisonous chemicals dumped into the sea by the Pro-Americana ship near the coasts of countries in the Gulf region.

Speaking to a local daily, she said that the organisation had so far taken all necessary precautions and has prepared itself in anticipation of such an eventuality. She added that warnings had been issued to the Omani authorities to refrain from tampering with the nine barrels found loaded with vinyl acetate on Omani shores, and that the organisation has also warned other GCC member-states of the possibility of similar barrels turning up along their shores.

Awadi said that the Pro-Americana which is sailing under a Cypriot flag is disposing of poisonous chemicals — the waste material of Danish and Italian factories, by dumping loads of toxins into the sea.

## Monitoring

She added that the organisation had monitored the route of the suspect ship in the Gulf region, in co-ordination with the relevant authorities in the area in preparation for taking the necessary legal measures, as the ship had been reported to have dumped all of its toxic load into Gulf waters.

She said that the organisation was consistently co-operating with the Higher Committee for the Protection of Marine Environment in the UAE, the Ministry of Environment in Oman and the permanent committee for environmental protection in Qatar to follow any developments in this respect.

Awadi stressed the high level of co-operation existing between the GCC member states in fighting toxic chemical effluent and to the close co-ordination effected in preparations to meet such cases of emergency.

She added that there were special executive programmes and expedient measures to deal with such contingencies, pointing out that the organisation was preparing to hold a meeting for environmental specialists and legal advisors in the GCC.



The man behind the Floks project, Professor Syvatoslav Fyodorov in a pre-operation conference.

# Soviet floating eye hospital to arrive in Dubai Oct 18

THE Middle East has been chosen as the first major operational port of call outside the USSR for a unique floating eye hospital.

The 10,000 ton cruise ship, Petr Pervyy, which has been fitted with a complete clinic and multi-station operating theatre, is due to arrive in Dubai on Oct 18. It will be based at Jebel Ali port for six months.

A team of seven surgeons will perform more than 5,000 operations using the techniques perfected by world-famous Soviet eye specialist Professor Syvatoslav Fyodorov.

The Dubai berth was chosen following an unprecedented demand for Soviet eye treatment from Middle East patients. Last year 1,377 patients from the Middle East and Near East flew to Moscow for treatment. Kuwaiti patients numbered the most — 662 visited the USSR for treatment last year, followed by 261 from the UAE and 165 from the Yemen Arab Republic.

Figures for the first six months of this year show that 1,045 patients have so far made the journey to the Soviet Union. That includes 386 Kuwaitis, 196 Yemenis, 187 UAE nationals and 60 Qataris.

The six-year-old ship has been chartered by an organisation known as Floks. (Flot-Oko-Service), which is a joint venture between the Moscow Eye Clinic and Sovcomflot, a leading Soviet shipping company. It was converted into an eye hospital earlier this year at a cost of US \$12.75 million.

More than 200 patients a week will be able to receive treatment for eye defects such as myopia, glaucoma, cataracts and astigmatism. Patients will first undergo a fully-computerised diagnosis. This will cost US \$500 and involves a two-night stay on board the ship. After the diagnosis and consultation, the patient will then be recommended a course of treatment or operation. The cost and length of stay depends upon the course of treatment agreed. Arrangements can be made to fly patients with severe defects to Moscow for treatment.

Dubai-based Sharaf Shipping has been appointed as booking agent for the project. It has opened a telephone hot-line in Dubai for all enquiries — tel. 526636. Other agents are being appointed to handle enquiries in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and Jordan.

# KU has achieved academic expertise

New plans, says rector

KUWAIT UNIVERSITY (KU) has surpassed the foundation stage after graduating thousands of graduates and in the process achieved a sophisticated level of academic expertise, Dr Shuaib Abdullah, Rector of KU said.

It now has 900 teaching staff members, 180 languages teachers, and fifteen thousand students.

Interviewed by the Horizon magazine published by the university, Abdullah said that in keeping with government directives related to the five-year-plan for 1990-1995, the university is adapting to innovative planning. Shuaib indicated that the university established a new Research Development and Follow up Department and is preparing to organise a number of symposiums, and training programmes directed at all administrative levels.

Regarding the university building, Shuaib stated that there are two plans special for this purpose.

Regarding plans of the university building, Shuaib explained that the first plan deals with developing current locations in accordance with academic requirements with emphasis on expansion which represent almost 75 per cent of the plan's budget. He announced that work is under way to implement this plan which is expected to be completed in 1994-95.

The government is serious in ensuring follow up projects implementation at the university. He said that a special ministerial committee will be formed to undertake this responsibility. The committee will be headed by the Minister of Public Works.

He indicated that the second plan deals with the new project for the establishment of a comprehensive university campus for a second university.

He pointed out that the upcoming five-year-plan will approve all special works for academic planning and the structural design for the new site.

The official stressed that the university co-operates with other academic establishments in Kuwait through joint committees and councils.

## Catering

Meanwhile, the director of the Catering Department at Kuwait University, Abdullah Khaled Al Mefriji stated that the Khaldiya cafeteria which witnessed an accident during the last academic year will commence operations before the end of the current year. He described plans of the new cafeteria as modern and up to date. Mefriji added that the department carries out catering services for students and that an average of 20,000 meals are presented to students on a daily basis. He stated that two new cafeterias will soon be opened at the Sciences and Engineering Colleges and that intentions are directed towards increasing working hours to 4 pm.

He pointed out that the plan of Khaldiya cafeteria is now ready and that the new cafeteria will contain, the administration building, several restaurants and a central kitchen which has a modern design.

# Sheikh Ali responds

IN A quick response to the story of the families who earn their living from searching through garbage, acting director-general of Kuwait Municipality, Sheikh Sabah Jaber Al Ali expressed readiness to help the families. Sheikh Ali showed his personal interest in the case and called for ending this inhuman suffering.

He expressed readiness to provide jobs for some of the guardians of the families who can work. He added he would contact the Zakat House and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to discuss ways to provide needy families with monthly assistance in order to allow their children to continue their studies.

# Iraqi trade minister here

KUWAIT, Oct 9, (Kuna): Iraqi Minister of Trade Mohammed Mehdi Saleh arrived here last night carrying a message from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah concerning bilateral relations.

Kuwaiti Minister of Trade and Industry Faisal Al Khaled received Saleh at the airport. Saleh was in Jeddah where he conveyed a similar message to the Saudi monarch King Fahd Bin Abdulaziz.

Meanwhile two personal envoys of the Iraqi President one in Libya and the other in Morocco, conveyed messages from Saddam to Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi and Moroccan monarch King Hassan II.

# Fast meals at low prices preferred

DURING the past few years, commercial activities in Kuwait witnessed a hike in a number of restaurants. This has created keen competition among these restaurants towards presenting customers with better services and food at low prices. Many restaurant goers stressed that cleanliness is very important in the restaurant business.

A local daily visited a number of restaurants to look at how they prepare meals, the degree of cleanliness and types of food. Both restaurant owners and customers were given the opportunity to express their opinions.

Ahmad Ibrahim, the manager of one of the restaurants in Shuwaikh said that he has been working in this field for almost six years. He added that he gained a lot of experience in many matters such as dealing

with customers, knowing the good and bad sides of this field by dealing with customers who usually come from different levels of society.

He indicated that the common difficulties he encounters is when customers are in a big hurry and they want their meals fast. He pointed out that some customers don't pay for their meals and end up making many excuses. He added that meal prices are very adequate and have been fixed since the opening of the restaurant.

Ahmad stated that the number of restaurants has increased dramatically during the past few years. He said that some newly opened restaurant businesses failed to achieve profits due to lack of parking lots, forcing customers to look for better eating restaurants. He cited Tunis

Street in Hawalli as an example.

He proposed that restaurant owners should first think of providing their customers with better access and parking lots before establishing any business particularly restaurants.

Saleem Mohammed one of the waiters working at a "shawarma" restaurant considered the increase in the number of restaurants in Kuwait as an advantage to customers but, a problem to most owners because of competition. He added that the best way to attract customers to a particular restaurant is to put more emphasis on the quality, taste and amount of food offered for the price. He added that cleanliness is also an important factor in the restaurant business.

He said that it is for restaurants to exceed price limits

because this will subject the restaurant to closure and fine.

Yousif Mustafa a restaurant manager indicated that it is common to encounter customer problems, particularly from those who avoid paying after eating. He stressed that prices of meals at restaurants are specified by the Chamber of Commerce, and the Restaurants Department which supervise the price list. Cleanliness, he added that was the responsibility of Kuwait Municipality.

Mohammed Al Omran a customer said that he is particular about cleanliness in the first place and then quality and then taste. He added that the increasing number of restaurants is a boon to all customers, though he commented that some restaurants do not comply with the stipulated prices.

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# Bahrain to host Medicare '89 conference Oct 23-26

By Yakub Razzaque  
Arab Times Staff

BAHRAIN is hosting the Middle East Medicare '89 conference between October 23-26 at the College of Medicine and Medical Sciences in the Salmaniya Medical Centre premises.

The prestigious event, said to be the biggest of its kind in the region, is expected to draw about 75 specialists from the United States, Britain, Europe, Australia, Asia and the Middle East. Nearly 150 papers covering specific aspects of the medical profession will be presented at the conference entitled "Progress in Medicine."

The four-day event will also incorporate the Second Health Care, Hospital Supplies, Medical and Laboratory Equipment Exhibition which will display

products and services related to medical and surgical, hospital supplies, pharmaceuticals, international medical and hospital sectors and hospital systems. More than 50 national and international organisations related to the medical profession have been invited to participate in the exhibition entitled "Theory in Practice." The exhibition will also provide opportunities for importers and suppliers to test some of the equipment displayed.

According to Dr Rashid Fulyafi, undersecretary at the Ministry of Health, the conference will boost the establishment of codes of medical practice in the Gulf. He said major budget allocations had been set aside for medical development and health care programmes in the Gulf states.

"Over the years, technology involved in every sector from medicine, health care, hospital treatment to administration, have been considerable changes and we look forward to seeing the latest developments on display in Bahrain," said Dr

Fulyafi in a statement to the press. The undersecretary stressed that the conference will also provide the opportunity for companies from all over the world to display and demonstrate their products to the Gulf market.

Dr Abdul Wahab, chairman of the organising committee, stated that participants invited to the conference are all leaders in their particular fields who have been selected because of their high calibre and relevance of their chosen papers to practitioners in the Gulf.

Meanwhile preparations for the forthcoming conference are under progress. Details of the papers to be presented are also being finalised. Among topics to be included feature "Islam and Medicine," "Organ Transplantation," "Nuclear Medicine," "Recent Advances in Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery" and "Advances in Clinical Nutrition."

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# Eight deaths for every 100 kms of road in Kuwait

## 10,179 accidents in first half of 1989

COL. Nabeel Khalil Shuhaiber from the Police College has confirmed the importance of planning for traffic utilities which he described as one of the most important apparatuses with direct links to the public.

Shuhaiber who is the former Director of Planning at the General Traffic Department described traffic planning as a complicated task that needs considerable accuracy of handling, as such the task deal not only with the organising of traffic movement but is subject

to other security aspects.

He added that the traffic planning role rests in how to utilise all available potentials for handling of traffic problems and eventually minimising traffic accidents and tightening control which should coincide with a traffic awareness campaign for the public in general and motorists in particular.

He confirmed the importance of traffic statistics, clarifying that these play a significant role towards setting up of the necessary traffic plans.

He disclosed that the statistics for the first half of 1988 and 1989 showed that the number of vehicles had increased at a rate of five per cent during the same period, while traffic violations during the same period had increased by 30 per cent.

However, he added, the death rate attributed to traffic accidents had dropped by five per cent during the period while the number of driving licences had been increased by five per cent.

Relevant statistics of the first half of the current year state that there were about 606581 vehicles in Kuwait and traffic accidents during the said period amounted to 10179 which resulted in 156 deaths. About 10311 vehicle had their licences cancelled during the same period.

There are about 717484 driving licences in Kuwait according to statistics. A total of 16335 had been given during the first half of 1989. Traffic

violations reported for the same period amounted to 115902 and driving licences revoked amounted to 5435.

The official said that the most important study conducted by the Planning Department on traffic accidents on the highways for 1988 had been designed to be the foundation for the future expanded studies aiming at controlling traffic accidents on highways.

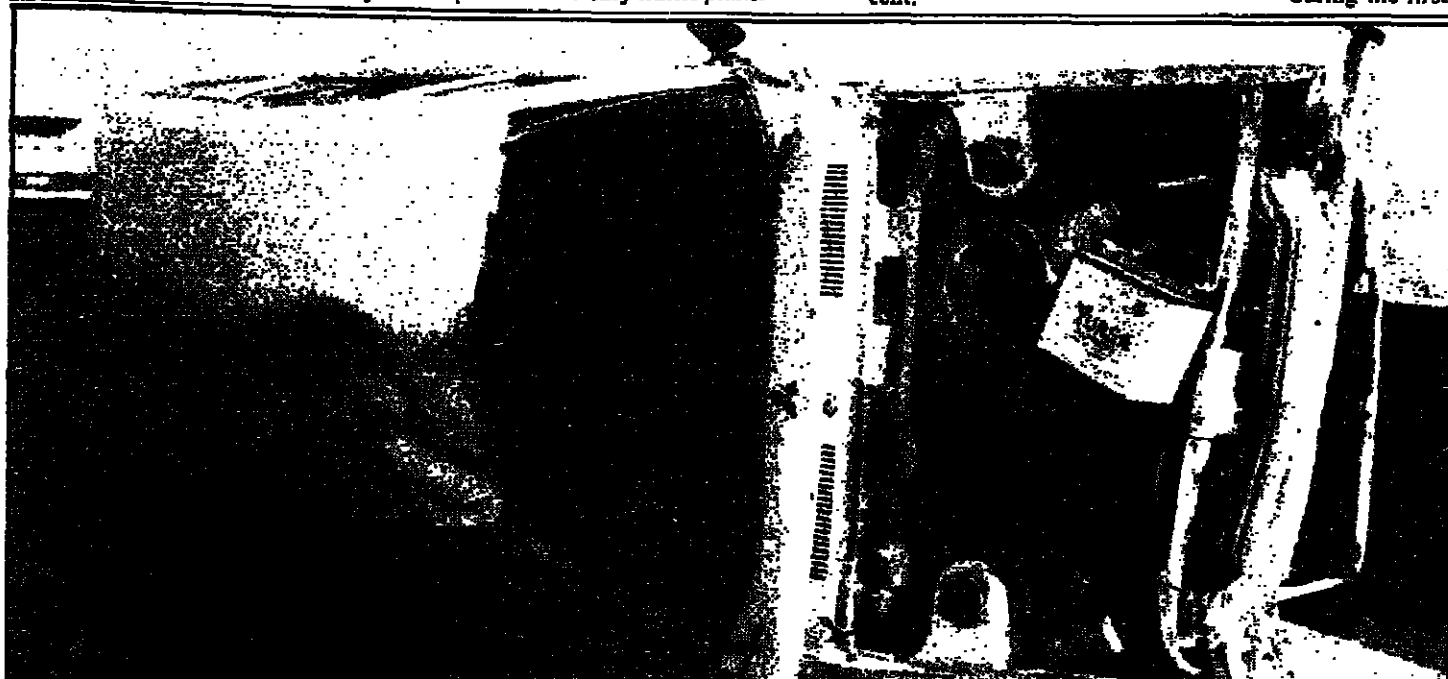
He disclosed that the said study had revealed that there were eight deaths

for every 100 kilometres of the country's roads network while the figure increases to 14 for the same distance on the highways. He attributed the said phenomenon to high speed.

He said that the study referred that there were 1210 traffic accidents on the highways resulted in 32 deaths. The study noted that there is a significant increase in the traffic accidents on highways during the months of November, December and January, while the number of casualties

increased considerably during the months of August, September and October compared to the other months of the year.

He added that the said study had revealed the importance of continued control of speed on highways and the importance of conducting an effective study over the vehicle safety devices and seeking of latest technology to be used for speed control in addition to the necessity of intensifying traffic patrols.



Car overturns

A saloon car turned over at the junction of Fourth Ring Road and the Damascus flyover yesterday. The driver was slightly wounded and rushed to Mubarak Al-Kabeer Hospital where he received the necessary treatment.

The father of the motorist who is an employee at Kuwait University told Siyassah that a micro bus collided with his son's car resulting in the car being completely damaged.

## Accused in Fintas rape, murder case acquitted

By Sayed Usman

THE Criminal Court yesterday acquitted Hamad Abdul Zahad and Mohammed Ibrahim Musa of raping and murdering a nine-year-old girl in Fintas. The first defendant was accused of sexually assaulting and killing the girl and the second was accused of aiding and abetting the crime.

The two defendants denied all charges in court and added that confessions during investigations were made under duress. The defence lawyer claimed that evidence provided to the court and the testimonies of witnesses were clearly contradictory. Moreover the witness who claimed that the first defendant confessed the crime in confidence also changed his testimony.

The first defendant had said in his confession that the girl had entered his house at 7 am on June 1, 1989 and that he pushed her out with his right hand. However the girl fell on her face and died. The medical examiner stressed that the girl was not killed that day and the injury on the girl's face was insufficient to cause death.

Also his confession that he carried the body to his car to the main roads clashes with police investigation.

## Indian embassy

A PRESS release from the Embassy of India in Kuwait has said that the embassy will remain closed today (October 10, 1989) on account of 'Dussehra'.

## Safety of banks ensured: Ahmed

### Strategy to counter EEC called for

BY the end of the 1980s, Kuwait's banking sector had instituted the necessary measures to ensure the safety of the banking system, a senior Kuwaiti official said.

In an interview with a local daily, Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah Al Ahmed Al Sabah was quoted as saying that these measures aimed at addressing the events witnessed by the region in the 1980s — including the weakness in the oil market, sluggish economic activity, the Manakh crisis and the Iran-Iraq war — all factors which adversely contributed to the Kuwaiti financial and monetary scene.

However, Sheikh Ahmed said: "I would like to point out that these factors have now become history and we must certainly learn the lessons of history to enrich the various sectors acumen in surmounting such future occurrences." The government has adopted necessary solutions for settling the difficult debt crisis and has set up the necessary structure for stipulating interest rates in addition to supporting the banking sector.

For the first time in Kuwait, the government represented by the Central Bank of Kuwait had floated treasury bonds which had gone a long way in creating a new investment scene and added a new dimension to the local financial market. This move compr-

ises one means of monetary policy which enables the Central Bank alongwith other financial instruments to handle the liquidity position in the country. Sheikh Ahmed said.

Speaking on the issue of the Capital Market, the official said that the Kuwait Stock Market was established in the last era and its administration had set up its charter of laws and regulations governing organisation and dealings in the market within the framework of an integrated organisational structure identical to that prevailing in world bourses.

**Challenges**  
By the beginning of the 1990s, the Kuwaiti banking and financial sector will be in a position to play its active role without obstacles and extend qualitative and quantitative services in support of national economic activities that would emerge in the coming decade, the official said.

Speaking of the challenges facing the banking sector in the next decade, the official said that the Kuwait Central Bank is well geared to address these issues and is continually upgrading its future plans to ensure that its march towards providing "sophisticated financial services" goes unimpeded.

The stability of the political and economic climate and even-

tual enhancement of the activities in the economic cycle are the main challenges which the banking sector will be addressing during the 1990s, the official said.

On the international level, the official went on to say that the most vital challenge the local banking sector is envisaged to face is represented in the form of a unified European Economic Community (EEC). He said: "I am positive that the local banking sector has taken every measure to deal with the ramifications of the outcome of the EEC. He disclosed that there are presently Kuwaiti banking units and financial companies totally owned by Kuwaiti banks currently active in EEC countries.

He added that the Kuwaiti banking presence in the EEC member states will help the local banks to adjust their positions and keep in line with the EEC requirements.

Speaking of Kuwait's foreign economic deals, the official said that Kuwait enjoys a distinct position in international trade—even in the field of oil exports. He added that although Kuwait imports most of its requirements, the spread of international competition constitutes the best hedge for protecting Kuwait from any economic blocs.

## Inter-Gulf forums meet

# NRIs aim to ensure higher education for their children

By Sonny Abraham  
Arab Times staff

**NON-RESIDENT** Indian (NRI) organisations in the Gulf have decided to approach educational institutions in India directly for reservation of seats for their children in view of the difficulties expressed by the Indian government in intervening in the matter.

This was one of the decisions taken at the second Inter-Gulf meeting of the NRI Economic Forums' Co-ordination Committee held in Dubai last week.

The meeting was informed of the efforts made by the UAE forum in this regard and the difficulties being faced by the Indian government because education was basically a state subject under the country's constitution.

The meeting drew up a list of 40 institutions which could be approached directly in the first stage. The NRIs are offering these institutions fees in foreign exchange, which they think might prove to be attractive. Individual letters will be sent to each of the 40 colleges.

If there is no response from these institutions, the committee will approach the University

Grants Commission in Delhi for guidance and assistance in the matter.

The committee has estimated that nearly 5000 children of NRIs clear the higher secondary (class 12) examination every year but there are no colleges to cater to their needs in the Gulf region.

In India, the requirement of a domicile certificate for admission to colleges excludes many of these children from joining courses at many institutions. In such a situation, the NRIs are requesting the reservation of between two and five per cent of seats for their children.

Many colleges and universities in India have reserved seats for foreign nationals.

**Trust**  
The committee is of the view that if some 5000 NRI students joined Indian colleges and paid their fees in foreign exchange, it would be beneficial to India.

The question of setting up an NRI Educational Trust was also discussed at the meeting. Such a trust could establish an NRI college, it was felt. The proposal will be discussed at subsequent meetings.

Among other things, the meeting reconfirmed that the amount

of the NRI Journalist Award and the related expenses would be equally shared by the three Gulf Indians Economic Forums.

The award will be given to an Indian journalist working for an Indian newspaper or news agency. The awardee will be chosen on the basis of his contribution in highlighting India's achievements in foreign countries as also the positive contributions made by overseas Indians in the socio-economic sphere.

The meeting was informed of the incentives secured by the NRI Consultative Committee, which include the extended period of stay upto 149 days in a year against 89 days allowed now to retain the NRI status under the Income Tax Act and the computation of Capital Gains Tax after allowing loss on account of exchange fluctuations.

**Tax**  
Efforts are also being made to get total elimination of income tax on NRE/FCNR accounts after the return of NRIs to India for permanent stay. It has been suggested to the Indian government that NRIs returning to India should be encouraged to bring back all their assets through tax incentives.

The proposed amendment in the computation of capital gains on sale of shares has been included in the Direct Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill awaiting the Indian Parliament's approval.

The change will allow NRIs to deduct losses arising from exchange fluctuations between the date of purchase and the date of sale of shares. The benefits from this provision could be substantial in view of the loss in value of the Indian rupee against the dollar from Rs9.43 in April 1982, to more than Rs16.50 at present.

The change will also make future investments in India shares much more attractive and will bring in much needed foreign exchange to India, the meeting was informed.

The benefit of longer stay in India is expected to enthruse many NRIs to go to their country to set up industrial enterprises or take up short-term assignments in high technology areas.

The meeting also discussed the preparations for the third Gulf NRI seminar to be held in Delhi, probably in the second week of July next year.

The NRI Investors Forum of Kuwait was represented at the meeting by its chairman C S S Khanpuri and Mohan Menon, a member of the NRI Consultative Committee of India's finance ministry.

Others who attended the meeting were Nevin Meghchiani and N. Mayuranathan of the NRI Investors Group, Bahrain, and Ram Buxani and Russi Patel of the Overseas Indians Economic Forum, UAE, Dubai. Patel is also a member of the Delhi consultative committee.

Meghchiani inaugurated the meeting as the outgoing chairman and later Buxani was chosen to work as chairman till the next meeting of the committee in Kuwait.



Meghchiani, Mayuranathan, Khanpuri, Menon, Buxani and Patel at last week's meeting in Dubai of the co-ordination committee of Gulf Indians Economic Forums.

## N-conference

TOKYO, Oct 9, (Kuna): Kuwait was accepted today as a member in the organising Society for the Ninth International Doctor's Conference on combatting nuclear war.

Kuna learnt that discussions, during the current Hiroshima conference, centred on ways of establishing a regional Middle East committee, where Kuwait is anticipated to lead a significant role.

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## Moonshiners arrested

CID men at Ahmadi Governorate arrested a Sri Lankan woman Ranawira and an Indian Nanjarai H. on charges of bootlegging and trading in liquor. The two defendants were arrested red-handed when they were selling four bottles of home-made liquor for KD40. CID men seized the instruments used inside their house. The defendants were referred to investigation authorities.

## Transplant symposium

### Legality from Islamic perspective to be probed

KUWAIT, Oct 9, (Kuna): More than 60 doctors and Muslim scholars meet in Kuwait late this month for a thorny debate on such topics as sex organ transplant and the legitimacy of terminating the life of a brainless newborn to donate its organs.

The three-day symposium which opens on October 23 is intended to shed light on several controversial medical wonders where Islamic jurisprudence will have to have a say.

At least 64 doctors and Muslim scholars from Kuwait and other Islamic countries will take part in the event, sponsored by the Islamic Organisation for Medical Sciences, the organisation's secretary-general, Dr Ahmed Rajat Al Joudi told Kuna in an interview.

The participants are expected to probe into the legality, from an Islamic perspective, of transplanting cells of the neurological system by using an embryo as a donor, he said.

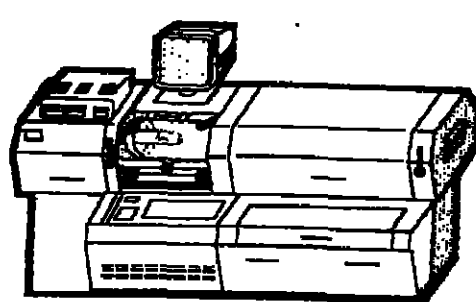
The age of a potential donor embryo and the legality of terminating its life are the key areas that the symposium will wade into, against the backdrop of Islamic and other laws that prohibit abortion.

The symposium, he added, will also discuss sex organ transplant to fight inborn sterility in both sexes.

The approach involves giving a healthy testicle or an ovary to a sterile recipient. Donors are often parents planning no more offspring, or those killed in accidents.

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### Thought for today

HE who sings frightens away his ills — Miguel de Cervantes, (Spanish writer (1547-1616)).

## OPINION

### Invaders must pay heavy price

WHO will be the ultimate loser if the Taif meeting of the Lebanese parliamentarians fail?

The past few months of the war have affirmed that the position of the invaders is always weaker than those who defend their country. The Lebanese people have resisted the vicious bombardment of the invading forces for over one and a half months. The bombardment has not affected the determination of the Lebanese people. The invading forces are mistaken if they think that they can impose their authority over Lebanon.

Gen. Michel Aoun is not a genius — his strength emanates from his political initiatives which found the required response among the Lebanese people. Thus, he has protected himself through his political manifesto and also another secret route. This secret protection could be from the same people the invading forces are dealing with, in the mistaken belief that they are with them.

These persons the invading forces deal with are true patriots. Whatever their political leanings, they will not turn their backs to their country. The professed co-operation could be double-faced — aimed at knowing the plans of the invaders. Thus, the idea of overthrowing or killing Gen. Aoun is an illusion — except if his life ends, which similarly applies to his political foes. This reality should be accepted by the invaders, except if they insist on emulating the he-goat who tries to move the mountain with its horns. The result is a for-gone conclusion — the mountain will not be moved, only the horns will get broken.

The demand of the Arabs and the Lebanese people is very clear. All invading forces must withdraw from Lebanon — either peacefully, or through force. In the latter case, those responsible will have to pay the price. It is really high time. Those who do no good to their people, deliver no good to their bigger nation (Arab). We have suffered a lot at the hands of those who practise political corruption. It is really high time to put an end to this sorry state of affairs.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Tensions beset arbitration panel

THE annual pingpong championship in the Netherlands has become the latest casualty of political tensions at the tribunal where Iranian and American lawyers wrangle over billions of dollars in claims and counterclaims.

For the first time since the pingpong tournament was initiated in 1983, the finals were cancelled in later September. Tension stemming from Iran's attempt to discredit and force out Swiss president of the Iran-United States claims tribunal, Robert Briner, was the reason, according to informed sources.

Tournament organisers feared Iranian officials might boycott the event, which is the tribunal's single social function, and thus add to frictions, the sources said.

Iranian displeasure with Briner stems from the tribunal's largest judgement against it — a \$100 million award in June to US-based Phillips Petroleum. Iran has sought to have the ruling overturned.

But the Briner affair is only the latest in a series of disruptions threatening co-operation at the tribunal — the world's only official forum for US-Iranian government contacts since they broke relation after the 1979 seizure of the US embassy in Tehran.

Western supporters consider the tribunal, which is staffed by 60 American, Iranian and third-nation members, a major success story. Arthur Rovine, the first US government representative there, called it of "major significance for international arbitration."

But the tribunal's most outspoken Iranian arbitrator, Seyed Khalil Khalilian, says it is a biased institution manipulated by American claimants against Iranian interests.

"I consider it a failure not only so far as Iran's interests are concerned, but also as far as justice and the healthy conduct of international arbitration are at stake," judge Khalilian told the Associated Press in a written response to questions.

"Here, the legal norms are being paradoxically applied, the rules of evidence become flexible in Americans' favour but turn rigid and inflexible against the Iranians' positions," he said.

American and Iranian lawyers and government officials have so far settled \$1.5 billion in US-Iranian financial disputes stemming from the 1979 Iranian revolution, ensuring Iranian expropriations and broken contracts.

Operating in a converted school in The Hague, the tribunal was set up by the Algiers accords, which also brought freedom to the US embassy hostages held 444 days by Iranian revolutionaries. All deliberations are private at the heavily guarded tribunal.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1733 — France declares war on holy Roman emperor Charles VI for aiding elector Augustus III of Saxony.
- 1842 — Britain proclaims victory as second Afghan war ends.
- 1859 — Civil war breaks out in Argentina.
- 1911 — Revolutionaries under Dr Sun Yat-Sen overthrow Manchu Dynasty in China.
- 1913 — Atlantic and Pacific oceans are united by blowing up the Gamboa dam of Panama Canal.
- 1938 — Nazi Germany completes occupation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.
- 1943 — Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek takes oath of office as president of China.
- 1963 — High dam collapses near Belluno, Italy, and resulting flood kills an estimated 1,800 people.
- 1967 — Bolivia officials say they have confirmed that Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara has been killed in jungle fight with Bolivian troops.
- 1970 — Two masked men kidnap Quebec (Canada) Labour Minister Pierre Laporte from his front yard in Montreal. He is found dead a week later.
- 1971 — Death toll is put at more than 200 in hurricane that swept parts of Haiti, Cuba, Mexico and area of US state of Florida.
- 1976 — Scores of left-wing students, professors and politicians are in hiding or flee country after military coup in Thailand.
- 1977 — Two Soviet cosmonauts, encountering trouble in docking with their space station, are ordered to return to earth.
- 1980 — Thousands of casualties are reported following earthquake in Al Asnam, Algeria.
- 1987 — Suspected communist assassins kill journalist and military officer in separate attacks in Philippines.
- 1988 — Suspected Tamil militants attack village in northern Sri Lanka, killing at least 47 people as they slept.

## Hungary's Communist Party kills itself

### First national election in 41 years

HUNGARY'S party leaders have proclaimed the death of their authoritarian Communist Party and replaced it with a Western-style socialist party. But the difference between the old and new remains unclear.

A document approved overwhelmingly by a party congress on Saturday terminated the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party, the name by which the Communist Party was known, and proclaimed creation of the Hungarian Socialist Party.

The paper says the new party draws on socialist and communist ideals, supports "humanism, freedom and democracy" and seeks alliance with reform-oriented communist, socialist and democratic parties. Former communists eventually must rejoin the new party if they want to become card-carrying socialists.

The move, part of preparations for the first free national elections in 41 years, represented the first instance of a Warsaw Pact Communist Party explicitly ending its existence.

The party daily Nepszabadsag yesterday dropped its customary title-page citation from the communist manifesto "Workers of the World Unite."

Instead of the usual masthead proclaiming Nepszabadsag to be the central organ of the Hungarian Socialist Worker's Party, the edition simply identified it as a "socialist paper."

But the paper's content was not noticeably different, and some observers wondered whether the party changes proclaimed on Saturday were as superficial as Nepszabadsag's new look.

Party chairman Keszec Nyers, true to his role as a moderate appointed to try to bridge ideological differences among the four-man party leadership, said the document heralded "the rebirth of our party as a new left-wing socialist party."

But Deputy-Premier Peter Medgyessy was less optimistic that the congress had managed to bury the repressive Leninist past and create a democratic party.

Asked if the Hungarian Socialist Party was truly new, he told reporters: "I don't see the signs of that, although I honestly would have welcomed it."

Since the congress opened on Friday, radical reformers have insisted that orthodox communists would have no place in the successor to the old party. But members of the old party are also members of the new party — at least temporarily — and Medgyessy said, "I am not convinced that the so-called cleansing that is necessary actually has happened."

Premier Miklos Nemeth, a key reformer, had told the congress that any new party would have no room for "those with blood on their hands," and other radical reformers had wanted to state clearly that orthodox Marxists were not wanted.

The position paper said those wanting to join the new party would have to state their intentions in writing before being issued new party booklets.

But drastic language that would have barred communist conservatives was watered down out of fear the majority would reject the document. The paper stated instead that the new party wants to "call in its ranks all those who agree with its platform, agree with its ground rules."

Former Politburo member Janos Berecz — among the most vehement opponents of reform — asked if there was room for him in the new party, after declaring himself ready to be "tied to the stake" for his communist beliefs.

He was welcomed into the new party by Nyers, whose moderate views make him the most likely candidate when the new party leaders are to be chosen.

In another indication that some orthodox Marxists at least did not feel the new party was substantially different from the old, Berecz supporter Robert Hoch later told the congress that the Berecz faction was dissolving "because we have accomplished our goal" of saving the ideals of the old party.

But there are striking differences, on paper at least, between the old and the new.

The document condemned the old party's Stalinist excesses, stating that its successor "separates itself from the crimes. The principles and methods that were proven wrong" during the 41-year tenure of the communists "that included the failed 1956 uprising — the Soviet bloc's bloodiest revolt."

The new party would seek development of a multi-party, parliamentary democracy, according to the document.

Party members indicated they would give up the kind of special privileges enjoyed by many Communist Party members throughout the East bloc.

The document expressed support of some state ownership, but also called for private enterprise with minimal controls.

The old party had declared formal loyalty to Marxism-Leninism and the proletariat, but had gradually moved towards greater liberalism under former leader Janos Kadar even before drastic reforms gained the upper hand.

● How will the party dispose of the assets, from newspapers stands to country estates, the old Communist Party controlled as Hungary's state party? Will it hand them over to the state government, free of party interference or give them back to their original private owners?

Berecz, for example, is rumoured to enjoy use of a yacht and a couple of weekend hideaways.

● Will the hated party police, the workers' militia, be disbanded and disbanded?

Some party officials blithely claim it's no longer their problem since control has been transferred from the party to the government. That's hard for any Hungarian, who can barely distinguish the government from the party and distrust the two equally, to swallow.

● What will prevent the hardliners from simply signing up and, like a virus, work from within the new party to sabotage its reform attempts and try and regain power?

## Commonwealth to tighten apartheid sanctions

LEADERS of 46 past and present British empire nations will focus on sanctions against South Africa under the watchful eyes of 74,000 policemen guarding the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

With authorities identifying several terrorist groups hoping to sabotage the seven-day Commonwealth session starting on Oct 18, co-ordinators have erected a massive security network.

Explosive-sniffing dogs are ready at airports, every entry and exit point into the country has extra guards and each state police contingent is now linked by computer to headquarters in Kuala Lumpur.

French-made helicopters were specially purchased to continually scour the capital city and the four hotels designated for the 2,000 delegates. All roads to the World Trade Centre, where the gathering is to be held, will be sealed off and lined with armed officers.

"We have been preparing arrangements for over a year," said Inspector-General Haniff Omar. "We believe groups will try to take full advantage of the summit meeting of so many heads of government to carry out terrorist acts."

Although Haniff did not name the groups, he said "friendly foreign powers" have been advising Malaysia on a strategy to protect the delegates staying in the city and later relaxing at an island resort.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, chairman of the meeting marking the 40th anniversary of the Commonwealth, said Canada has been particularly helpful in setting up the most elaborate security precautions Malaysia has ever known.

Forty-six of the 48 Commonwealth countries will attend the session, with only Dominica and Belize absent, as the heads of state consider stepped up pressure against South Africa.

They also will welcome back Pakistan, which is rejoining the Commonwealth under Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto after the nation quit the organisation of former British colonies 17 years ago.

"There could hardly be a more auspicious prelude to the Kuala Lumpur meeting," Commonwealth Secretary-General Sridath Ramphal said of Pakistan's decision to rejoin.

Taking steps to halt apartheid in South Africa tops the agenda.



Mohammad Mahathir

"There have been some results in fighting apartheid," Mahathir said, citing the growing reluctance of the white regime to use force to stop anti-apartheid demonstrators and the moves towards independence for Namibia.

"I consider these developments as progress even though they are slow," Mahathir said.

Ramphal, in an annual report released in conjunction with the summit, said the Commonwealth would increase pressure on South Africa regardless of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's stance.

## US reassesses Pacific military strategy

THE United States is eyeing Guam, its westernmost territory, as a possible fall-back if it has to pull out its major naval and air force bases from the Philippines.

But many on Guam say they do not want an increased military presence on the Pacific island and are happy to build their economy on a Japanese-driven tourism boom.

Recent changes on the tiny footprint-shaped island four hours' flight south of Tokyo show how the United States is having to reassess its military strategy in a fast-changing Pacific.

Regional hotspots are growing quickly. US relations with Moscow have improved, while many Washington legislators are pressing for cuts in the military budget, including a reduction in the number of US troops in South Korea.

"We are facing a changing Pacific and our role here will definitely be changing," Rear Admiral Thomas Johnson, commander of US Naval forces Marianas, said recently at his Guam headquarters. Guam, 9,000 km (6,000 miles) west of California, has been an important Pacific American military hub since US marines recaptured the island from the Japanese in World War II.

But Governor Joseph Ada says the island has matured into a self-sustaining civilian economy and would not welcome more US planes and ships. He says the US military, which controls one-third of the land, should give the property back.

"We want to remain really more in terms of a private economy rather than a military economy," he told Reuters recently.

Guam's legislature passed a resolution in late September condemning plans by the US navy to install a powerful new radar system on the island, saying it might endanger the environment.

Anderson Air Force Base on Guam has gone through major changes in the last year as part of a regional move to streamline operations, cut costs and tailor missions to a more peaceful Pacific.

The only B52 bomber wing outside the continental United States, which is based at Andersen, discontinued its nuclear mission in May 1988 and switched to a purely conventional role.

Colonel Julian Hall, 43rd bombardment commander, told Reuters that US-Soviet arms agreements had reduced the chance of nuclear war and helped lead to the change in bomber mission.

"We feel the likelihood of the 'big war' is much

more unlikely than a smaller breakout of hostilities that would be way down on the conventional side," he said.

The wing now trains to drop conventional bombs and ocean mines and to fire "Harpoon" anti-ship missiles, he said.

The United States says it hopes Subic Bay naval base and Clark Air Force Base, Washington's biggest overseas facilities, can continue their role in the Philippines.

US Vice-President Dan Quayle said during a visit to Manila last month he was optimistic the two countries would reach a mutually acceptable agreement to keep the bases after they begin talks on their future in December.

The present lease for the bases expires in 1991 and 12 of Manila's 23 senators have said they want the facilities out.

## Goans come forward

SIR: Some months ago a proposal was made by a Goan community member to commemorate Dec 3 with a thanksgiving mass by the Goan community in the name of their patron saint Saint Francis Xavier. He had also further suggested that Goans should come together in a sort of organisation or forum towards Goans' welfare here.

After floating this concept amongst the Goans here, it is now definitely proposed to hold a thanksgiving service in the name of the Goan community here in December. Further, it has been strongly proposed to all Goans sports clubs and social associations to come forward for a social get-together in order to create a common committee to take up the issues of interest to the large Goan community.

It is worth mentioning here that in 1979 a Goan Community Committee was initiated to particularly deal with Kwt/Goa fights issues and this committee has been functioning for ten years now. As the head of the said committee proposed to other members to take over the lead role — it was suggested that a new committee be formed of representatives of all sports clubs/social associations not only to look into travel/cargo facilities but to

One senior US military official based in the Pacific said he expected the two sides to agree on a phased withdrawal by the end of the century.

"We're looking at probably an agreement that by the year 2000, we're out of there," he said.

Washington says continued American military presence is crucial to maintain a balance of power in the Pacific, but military officials predict that presence will decrease in the next decade.

"We've got to reassess what we're doing with base structure, locations, force deployment, everything contingent upon what we anticipate in the future, what our strategy is going to be, how we're working with our allies," Rear Admiral Johnson said.

"If eventually we decide that our strategy has been so successful that we can deploy fewer forces in the Pacific, then of course, that's what we accept. That's our goal." (Guam, Reuters)

broaden its aspects so that it could render assistance to any deserving community cause.

While the idea of instituting a common Goan committee is gathering momentum, there is some apprehension in the minds of some social associations that perhaps their importance would be reduced or that the new committee might take over their role in conducting/organising dances, dramas, musical shows.

As we have a fairly large Goan community here, one community committee wouldn't be competent to take up dramas, dances and musical shows but its sole role would be to take up matters of genuine community interest by co-ordinating and co-operating at all levels. This step also would give a better representation to the community, because it is absolutely wrong for any association here to claim that they represent the Goan community in Kuwait. Everyone will agree with me on this. The challenge for the sports clubs, social associations and other individual Goans who have given their services in community work is to come forward.

Will you all please come forward now if you are genuinely interested in community welfare work here!

Vincent de Souza, Safat.



Carlos Menem: pardon

## Menem's gamble

PRESIDENT Carlos Menem has gambled that granting an unpopular pardon to military officers and ex-guerrillas early in his administration will buy time to put Argentina's floundering economy back on track.

The pardon benefited 37 officers now on trial for human rights crimes, 174 officers and civilian collaborators convicted or accused of rebellion against the government of President Raul Alfonsin. 60 accused leftist civilian guerrillas, four Uruguayan civilians accused of collaborating with military torturers and the three ex-military junta members who ordered the 1982 Falkland island invasion.

Of all the measures, the most critical was the pardon to the 37 officers accused of human rights crimes.

The Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Isidoro Caceres, in recent days has given repeated, veiled threats that he would not require any more officers to testify before a civilian court, a stand also taken by his immediate predecessor, Gen. Francisco Gassino.

A test case with the military was scheduled for Oct 13 when retired Gen. Santiago Omar Riveros was to answer charges for human rights crimes at a federal court in the Buenos Aires suburb of San Martin.

Senior government officials recently told newsmen the pardons would be signed before a confrontation between the government and the military on that date.

By signing the pardons, Menem averted a military crisis that would have come before he had completed 100 days in office.

His extension of the pardon to other officers, mostly nationalists and far rightists, who revolted against Alfonsin was apparently to prevent another uprising by that sector of the army.

Menem has set an immediate goal of stabilizing Argentina's economy, which when he took office on July 8 was suffering from hyperinflation that reached 196.6 per cent in that month alone.

He has said that it would be impossible to govern "with the army against you." His pardons may give him a breathing spell, avoiding a conflict with the military while he works on economic measures.

By drastic budget cutbacks and wage and price controls, Menem reduced inflation to nine per cent for September and he plans more cuts in public spending and administrative reforms to attract international and domestic private investment.

Menem has been able to achieve the cutbacks without a head-on confrontation with the powerful labour movement, traditionally loyal to his Peronist Party, despite rising unemployment and falling real wages.

Menem's pardons to the military were immediately criticised by human rights groups and opposition parties of different ideologies and they do not doubt harmed his image in a nation still stung by the memory of the oppression in the 1970s, when 9,000 political prisoners were tortured, killed, and subsequently listed as "disappeared."

But the real test for Menem's popularity will not come until two years from now, when Argentina hold congressional elections. (Buenos Aires — UPI)

## Quote me

"Business is booming, but I don't trust this. If there's no settlement I'll add more sandbags." — Samer Ouseiran, proprietor of the Uncle Sam pub across the street from American University, echoing the general sentiment in Beirut.

"I don't believe in this ceasefire. These deputies in Taif should be slaughtered for all the good they've done in the last 14 years." — Jihad Ali, a Lebanese blaming the parliamentary deputies meeting in Taif, Saudi Arabia, for the 14 years of mayhem in Lebanon.

"I can only sleep if I take sleeping pills. It's the only way I can overcome my fear of being surprised by a shell during my sleep. It's a carry-over from the fighting. We know this is a true and not an end of the civil war." — A Beirut woman on her fears of the carnage in Lebanon.

"That's why I sometimes wish the combatants had gone on fighting, since we'd got used to that anyway, and reached a final solution instead of stopping like this. It only means we'll have to get used to it all over again." — A Lebanese woman on the hopeless situation in Lebanon.

"We have a long struggle to force the US administration accept and recognise our rights because the United States does not know any language except that of force. We know this is difficult but we know that we will succeed." — George Habash, leader of the Damascus-based PFLP condemning the US for failing to recognise the PLO.



Celebrity

Nagla Fathy

# Star quality

FROM a very early age Nagla Fathy had just one thing on her mind — a burning, almost obsessive ambition to become famous. "It wasn't that I wanted to be an actress, or anything else. I just wanted to be famous," she recalls, candidly. "I have to admit that my idea of fame was rather confused and theoretical. It wasn't until much later that I planned my career in detail and carved out my future, knowing exactly what I wanted and where I wanted to end up."

Fathy's single-mindedness paid off. Today she is the celebrity she always dreamed of being. Not only is she a widely-acclaimed movie star in her native Egypt but she is also generally acknowledged as being one of the most talented and captivating young film actresses in the entire Arab-speaking world.

Fathy is the first to admit that her looks played a large part in her success on the screen. "At school and at the club people used to look at me a great deal, and I learned from a very early age that these looks meant that I was pretty. I've always considered my physical appearance an advantage in helping me attain the goal I wanted so badly — that of becoming famous," she said.

Her first big break came out of the blue, just as she always knew it would. "I was walking along the beach one day in Alexandria when a gentleman approached me and, without any preamble, said to me: 'Would you like to be in the movies?' At first I thought he was trying to pick me up, and I put him very firmly in his place. 'You're mistaken,' he replied. 'I am a film producer. Here is my card and the lady you see over there is my wife. You have my phone number. Give me a call if you're interested in becoming a movie star.'"

"At the time I was very good friends with Abdel Halim Hafiz who was our neighbour in Alexandria and who treated me like a younger sister," Fathy explained. "I rushed round to show him the card that this man had given me. 'Of course I know him, and he's right. You were made for the cinema,' he said. 'Why didn't I ever think of it myself?'"

The memory of the late Abdel Halim Hafiz, in his time one of the most popular singers in the Middle East, is still very dear to Fathy. "Abdel Halim was a good, quiet man who was always thinking of other people," she said. "He didn't talk a great deal; he preferred to listen. His illness was far more advanced than most people suspected from reading the papers and watching his films. In spite of his fame, his continual successes, Abdel Halim wasn't able to live a normal life; he couldn't eat like other people, enjoy himself like other people."

"I had a younger sister-type relationship with him and when I, in my turn, hit the bright lights he gave me all sorts of valuable advice. 'Make use of constructive criticism and ignore the rest, unless of course it's attacking your dignity as a woman,' he used to say to me. 'If that happens, you must defend yourself to the hilt. Remember that the press is a formidable weapon. When you speak to the press, be straightforward, so as to be close to your public. Above all, learn to love the cinema. It will pay you back one hundred times over.' I've always followed his advice to the letter, and I've never had cause to regret it."

As she speaks, Fathy wraps her arms affectionately around the shoulders of her small daughter Yasmina, who is sitting, pressed up close to her mother, listening to every word with rapt attention. "People say that I'm mysterious, that I try to hide my real self from journalists," she went on. "In fact I've learned to divide my life into two halves. On one side there is Nagla, and on the other there is Fathy el Zahra, which is my real name. The one my parents gave me when I was born. Nagla is the actress, the professional, travelling — because when I'm nature, simple things, travelling — because when I'm travelling abroad I can walk down the street without being recognized. I should say that even here in Heliopolis, where I live, I go out and do the shopping, though of course I always take the precaution of putting a scarf over my head first. The people of Heliopolis are very kind to me. They always greet me with smiles, which

gives me the feeling of being part of a big family. And even if I can no longer ride my bike through the streets I can at least do it at my club or down at the running track."

In spite of her reputation for being secretive, Fathy is forthright when talking about her private life. "I'm happy — yes, I'll say it — I'm not superstitious, at least not much," she said. "The fact that I'm divorced, a free agent, with a young daughter whom I love dearly, the fact that I'm financially independent and that I'm not in any rush to get married again — all this gives me a great feeling of serenity at the moment."

"I've been married twice," she added. "The first time it was for love, the second, for friendship. Both experiences left me full of disappointment and regrets, with a few happy memories, too few in my opinion. I fell in love in the early stages of my career. I was very lively and impulsive. I could work all day long and still find the energy to go out in the evening. It didn't last. One day I told myself: 'It's over' and I believed it. For me, love was finished and I had no desire to try it again."

"Perhaps that's why when a friendship presented itself I thought that it might be more solid, that it might have a better chance of giving me the happy family I wanted," she went on. "It was a friend I had known for years, with whom I'd lost touch for a variety of reasons. When we met up again he told me that our long separation had made him understand how much he needed me. I didn't love him, but I agreed to marry him, out of friendship. I married him because I wasn't passionately in love with him and that made me feel more at ease. I was scared of him and that made me feel more at ease. I was scared of being made to suffer as I had done the first time. But in spite of everything, it didn't work. Today, with these experiences behind me, I can say that marriage is one of the hardest decisions you have to make in your life. It's not just a question of choosing a companion to share your life, it's also a father for your children."

Asked what she likes best in a man, Fathy replies without hesitation: "I like it when a man laughs, when he laughs from the heart. That means a great deal. What do I hate? Selfishness. A man who can't think beyond his belly button. Unfortunately, they're in the majority."

There is no bitterness when Fathy speaks of her broken relationships. If anything, there is a glint of amusement in her eyes. She gives the impression of having overcome her crisis, probably thanks to her dedication to her career as an actress. "I love this job. I love the highs, but also the lows," she said. "When I'm not shooting I really get very bored. I try to keep busy doing other things: I re-arrange my house, I organize excursions, I read, I write poetry. Perhaps someday I will publish some of it."

Fathy's most recent undertaking is a role in a film called "Echtebaq (Suspicion)" directed by a young and relatively new face on the Egyptian movie scene, Ala Karim. The film is Karim's first major production, and many critics have expressed surprise that Fathy should accept a part with such a little-known director. Smiling, Fathy answers that Karim is one of the most talented people currently working in the Egyptian cinema. "Ala suggested something that was to me, a character with several different layers which for me meant a certain evolution in my professional career," she said. "I don't like repeating myself. After I read the script I accepted straight away. It's a daring movie, quite gruelling, a film that seems to be saying to our board of censors that they should re-think their position. For their part, the censors have been remarkably sporting about it, describing the script in their report as 'excellent.'"

The theme of the movie is a closely guarded secret and Fathy herself is keeping tight-lipped on the subject. "I can only say that it's a realistic film with a fantastic side to it," she said enigmatically. "I like realism, but I also like a hint of the fantastic to spice it up. In spite of this, I have a very soft spot for the old romantic movies and I'm always hoping for a fabulous story that will make me dream — and will make the audience dream along with me."



I just wanted to be famous: Nagla Fathy

## Born to film Celluloid cells

ALA Karim has always been crazy about the cinema. As a young boy, growing up in Cairo, he used to sneak into the studios to watch his favourite directors. Later, as a teenager, he took on any job, however menial, so long as it meant he could continue to live and breathe the world of movies.

In 1974 he was accepted by Cairo's Film Institute, and while studying he teamed up with Youssef Chahine, acting as assistant director in "Hadduts Masreia" (An Egyptian Story), which was to become one of the most successful films ever made by the great Egyptian movie-maker.

After graduating in 1978 Karim obtained a scholarship to study at California's Walt Disney film school. The movie he produced as part of his degree was hailed as a "new step in the evolution of the documentary."

One of his teachers, Johanna Demetrakas, described the film as "a new genre — a musical, dramatic documentary." Back in Egypt, Ala Karim

made three more documentaries: "The Citadel" (1983), "Alexandria" (1984) and "Rachid" (1985) which won an award at France's Clermont Ferrand festival and later in Los Angeles.

"Echtebaq" (Suspicion), starring Nagla Fathy, is the first major feature-film to be directed by Karim. The movie looks at human weakness and how it leads to exploitation. It's also a comment on the negative impact of modern technology on the quality of life.

Scene

## Suleiman: Pioneer of Arab broadcasting, dedicated to serve people



Ahmed Suleiman

Meet a neighbour

THERE are not many Arabs who are generally involved with the world of broadcasting. In today's highly developed and rapidly expanding technological era some talented and promising Arab youth with university education are entering this profession. But back in the fifties when television was in its infancy and radio was one of the most popular mediums of receiving information as well as entertainment on a mass scale, it was rare to see an Arab youth venture into this highly sophisticated field of mass communication. Broadcasting required special skills and versatility not to speak of hardwork, determination and the ability to function at all hours.

In the late fifties a young Palestinian proved by sheer dint of his talent and self-confidence that an Arab can not only do just as well in broadcasting as others but even better in not one but all aspects of this profession. This feat astounding and more remarkable considering the BBC's World Service Arabic department saw the rise of this young man to its highest grade as the first non-British and the first Arab to achieve this distinction in what must be in a record time.

He achieved it within just a couple of years when most broadcasters spend a life time doing it. What is even more amazing is that the young

man joined BBC having no experience whatsoever in broadcasting. This pioneer of Arab broadcasting went to Bahrain and has been associated with the island's broadcasting growth since inception and under his able hands the English radio station was formed here.

Ahmed Suleiman is a remarkable man of boundless energy and a bundle of talent, a charming, witty, modest and sensitive human being he has over a lifetime dedicated his life to broadcasting and serving his fellow man. Suleiman's objective in life has been simple — to serve the community and his fellow human beings.

"My ambition in life has been to serve my fellow human beings in whatever means. It did not matter what it was. Perhaps I got this inspiration from my father who was a truly rare man of his times who believed in helping others at all time without expecting anything in return," said Suleiman.

Political and economic obstacles did not deter Suleiman to pursue his studies.

"My father could not read and write and yet he became a public figure, respected and honoured by everyone. His humanity and generosity inspired me to finish my studies and contribute towards the welfare of my people,"

he said.

After college Suleiman embarked on a career as a teacher at a West Bank school for a year, followed by a stint at Aramco which lasted for 4 years. His job at Aramco, he said, was precipitated for 'economic reasons.'

"Teaching is an idealistic profession. It is like a national or community service. Unfortunately, in today's world because of economic survival one needs to be paid to be able to serve."

Suleiman continued as a teacher under various programmes for Unrwa and Unesco, culminating in his 'discovery' by the BBC.

After filling in the application form at random for an announcer's and broadcaster's job, Suleiman passed the required tests with flying colours and to his utter surprise found himself selected to work for the world's biggest and most reputable broadcasting station.

After just a couple of months the young man's work impressed his new bosses so much so that he was a permanent member of staff, which was an unheard of thing at the time for someone to accomplish in such a short time. Under BBC rules at the time an employee could only become a permanent staff only after 3 years of employment. However, Suleiman was reluctant to stay on a permanent basis for

various reasons. But under one pretext or another helped with 'fantastic' financial incentives the BBC managed to keep him for 4 years.

"The BBC wanted me to stay on so much that they kept on increasing my salary and doubling my allowances every time. Although I appreciated all this, money was not everything to me. I had to think of my children's education and upbringing in a foreign land."

Suleiman described his work with the BBC as one of the most rewarding periods of his career. He mastered all aspects of broadcasting within a very short time and became an indispensable asset for the giant corporation. His work involved announcing, producing, writing, editing, interviewing, administration among others.

He is thankful to the BBC for giving him a virtual free-hand to cover any programme he wanted to do. The experience enabled him to travel all over the Middle East reporting on the various ethnic and national cultures and other issues of the Arab world. He interviewed a host of Arab leaders and a cross-section of people of various professions in the region. He was briefly based in Beirut in Lebanon in the early sixties and covered the events of this beautiful but tragic land.



## Best friends



Mike Gibson with Kim.

## Spot ...

JACOB the Alsatian was walking with his owner Betty Harris when she suddenly became ill and fainted in the middle of the road. Undaunted by the cars rushing by, the dog dragged her to safety with his teeth.

But this wasn't the first time Jacob has saved Betty. In 1988 the heroic dog dashed to the rescue when his doting mistress was mugged. On that occasion, he was awarded a gold medal and the title Bravest Pet in Britain.

The intelligence and loyalty of man's best friend have combined to save many lives, illustrating the bond that can exist between canine and human. Dogs have swum in dangerous waters, attacked armed thugs and even led rescuers to abandoned babies.

The loyal Jacob's second spell of heroics happened when Betty was walking him to the vet's surgery near her home in Wallasey, Merseyside.

She collapsed in the road and Jacob amazed passers-by when he beat them to it and pulled Betty to safety by himself. She came to on the pavement and found Jacob standing over her.

She said later: "He is the most incredible dog in the world and I am so proud of him. I know we have a special bond but I never thought he would save my life."

The earlier incident came a year ago when Betty, 49, was giving Jacob an obedience lesson in her local park. They were practising an "out-of-sight" stay, where the owner leaves the dog's sight and orders it not to move.

But when a mugger struck,

Betty screamed and Jacob came bounding to her aid. She said: "If it hadn't been for him, the attack could have been a lot worse. I could have been violently or indecently assaulted or both. Thank God for Jacob."

The mugger tried to make off with Betty's handbag but Jacob, who was kicked in the head, managed to hang on to the bag. He even brought it back to his shaken mistress, ripped and tattered though it was.

At the time Betty said: "I know that whenever I am with him, he will protect me." And she was right, for Jacob risked his own life to pull her free of the traffic on that busy road. She said: "He really is the canine answer to Superman."

Someone else who has reason to be grateful to his dog pal is seven-year-old Allan Martin, who can testify that supposedly vicious breeds can be heroes too. Allan fell into icy water when stepfather Ronald Muers was giving him a Rottweiler, Troy, a training session.

Ronald said: "All I could see were Allan's arms waving about and his body bobbing up and down. He can't swim."

"Luckily, I had been teaching Troy to fetch pieces of wood from the water. I yelled 'Find!' and he understood immediately. He didn't hesitate."

"He swam to Allan, who caught hold of Troy's ears, and towed him to safety. In another few seconds Allan would have sunk like a stone."

"I paid £150 for Troy when he was nine weeks old and it was the

best buy I ever made."

But some dogs need no prompting when their owner's life is in danger. Michael Gibson wasn't even conscious when his dog, an Alsatian named Kim, saved him from drowning. Kim pulled him ashore with his teeth.

Michael, from Reading, Berkshire, was swimming in a part of the River Kennet that runs too fast for Kim under normal circumstances.

An asthma attack led to cramp and Michael was in real trouble. "I just couldn't breathe," he recalled. "I managed to grab a piece of metal above me and hung on for about an hour but I couldn't move. I knew I was going under. In the end I became unconscious."

Kim, waiting patiently on the bank, realised something was very wrong with his master. Michael said: "I was out cold. The next thing I knew, I came round and I was lying on the towpath with a wet Kim beside me."

"He must have got my clothes in his teeth and dragged me out. The water was about 8ft deep there. There's no doubt I would have drowned if he hadn't helped me."

But perhaps the most remarkable rescue comes from dogs who save people they don't know and, even more surprising, can't actually see.

There was the time when a four-year-old Alsatian bitch named Senta knew two people she had never met were buried in snow more than half a mile away from her mountain home.

I was 2 am when Senta woke her master Anton Kribernik, owner of a mountain rest house 5000 ft up on a plateau near Kindberg, Austria.

Anton knew there had to be a reason for Senta's strange behaviour. The dog was whining, nudging him and running back and forward between his bed and the door.

Together Anton and Senta went out into the wild night. More than 20 minutes after leaving the house, Senta stopped and barked at what looked like a small, snow-covered mound. Anton shone his torch on it and saw the unconscious bodies of a man and a woman.

He dragged the two back to his house and revived them. Their clothes were already frozen stiff and both had been close to death. But, thanks to Senta's detection work, Walpurga Binder and Franz Senger, both 62, survived their ordeal.

A dog doesn't need a pedigree to be a life-saver. A two-year-old mongrel named Chicco once prevented an abandoned baby dying from exposure. The child had been left by an unmarried teenage girl in Acqui, Northern Italy.

Chicco heard the baby whimpering in the middle of the night. He howled to his owner, Carlo Mentelli, who merely rolled over and went back to sleep.

But Chicco was persistent. He went to the back door, scratching and barking loudly enough to wake his master again. Finally Carlo got up and when he opened the back door, Chicco shot off

into the distance. Carlo could hear the dog howling away and felt compelled to follow.

He said: "When I got there, I couldn't believe it. Chicco was covering the baby with his body as if he knew just how to keep it warm."

Of course, dogs don't save only human lives. Courageous sheepdog Nipper had always been devoted to his job but even

his owner, farmer Eric Norris, was amazed when the six-year-old collie braved a blazing barn to rescue his flock.

Trapped inside the barn were 300 newly-born lambs and cattle. Nipper raced through the inferno and led his charges to safety. And he performed his daredevil rescue bid not once, but twice, to make sure none of the animals were left behind.

Eric said "It was truly remarkable. He came running up to the house and started barking. When I came out to see what was going on, he had already dashed to the barn and was inside, herding the animals together."

"In a way, I should have expected it. He always worked alone in the fields with the sheep and in more than six years he has never lost one."

Nipper's injuries were mild compared with those sustained by Army and police dogs in the line of duty.

Police dog Elite was out on patrol when his handler was suddenly attacked by a man with a carving knife.

Elite leapt to the policeman's defence and the thrug turned and slashed the Alsatian's nose. Rather than cower in pain, the dog challenged again and this time had his face ripped open before the knifeman was arrested.

The animal's courage saved an officer from being stabbed. And he was presented with a silver plaque from other officers at Brixton, London.

Another police Alsatian, Khan, was hit by a car during a chase. He was trapped under the vehicle, which fractured several ribs and punctured his lung. But when his handler, PC Alan Bratnell, lifted the car to release the dog, Khan picked himself up and carried on chasing the two suspects.

The bravest dog of all was probably Rats, the Jack Russell terrier who served with at least half a dozen regiments during seven years of active service in Northern Ireland.

He was injured twice in car-bomb blasts, and was shot once. He was the victim of two hit-and-run accidents and was even put on an IRA hit list.

Rats was given an honourable discharge in 1985 and lived a normal, domestic life until his death earlier this year.

## Detectives hit ...

THE elite Specialist Operations Task Force of Britain jets round the world, tracking down loot from some of the world's worst and biggest crimes. The men from the "Mafia Squad" doggedly track down hot money from drugs and robberies that crooks are trying to "launder" so that they can spend it.



Mrs Ann Fordham, the widow of murdered undercover policeman John Fordham, with their three children at his funeral.



Metropolitan Police Det. Con John Fordham who was murdered in 1985.



The notorious Kray twins who were imprisoned in 1969.

## the golden trail to dirty money

THE man from the Mafia paused as he was being escorted into the distinctly down-at-heel police station.

The officer from Scotland Yard's Task Force took the dapper little man's elbow and ushered him past a queue at the station sergeant's desk.

There were two teenage Italian au pair girls trying to extend their work permits, a West Indian dish-washer reporting a job crisis, and a well-spoken lady, immaculately dressed apart from her carpet slippers, reporting a missing pedigree Pekinese.

"This way please, sir," said the Task Force detective, urging his reluctant guest to a flight of carpetless stairs, flanked by walls which had not seen a fresh coat of paint for a long time.

The American halted and stared around him. Then he ran out of patience.

"Just where in the hell have you brought me?" he exploded. "Jesus, when I was in the Bronx, 15-years-old, and was pulled in by the cops on a hub cap stealing rap, I got to visit something better than this!"

Words failed the middle-aged New Yorker as he went on his way to answer questions about his undercover business relations with a casino.

Many less colourful characters, all equally disbelieving, have mounted that stone stairway to face interrogation. The questions are put to them in one of the comfortable, smartly-furnished office suites, where double-glazed windows cut off the bustle of one of central London's busiest shopping streets.

Shops in Tottenham Court Road sell mainly state of the art electronic

equipment, everything from the latest Japanese VHF radio to the most advanced computer systems.

None of their material, however could match the hardware installed in three floors hidden away above the nondescript entrance of the local police station.

Scotland Yard is two miles away. And it was deliberate policy to house the Specialist Operations Task Force, tracing British and international crime syndicates in London, in an out-of-the-way police station.

Since its formation three years ago, the 60-odd officers who make up the force have struck devastating blows against top fraudsters and overseas drugs barons. These crooks have attempted to "launder" profits from crime into British businesses or investments.

All the detectives speak at least one other language and all have served in major operational departments at Scotland Yard before joining the Task Force.

Leading the unit is Detective Chief Superintendent Graham Melvin, considered to be the most experienced detective in London.

It was Melvin who led investigations into the race rioting on the Broadwater Farm Estate in north London, during which a police constable was hacked to death by a frenzied mob. Faced with hostile "witnesses" who never witnessed anything, Melvin's investigation was a model of its kind.

Patience, he followed up the smallest clues, returning again and again to interview people present on the night of the tragedy. His methods paid off and, ultimately, convictions were obtained against a number of

people.

An expert in all fields of police work, Melvin took over the Task Force earlier this year. And results are showing.

His large team is often dubbed "the Mafia Squad" because fraud and drugs are prominent among Cosa Nostra interests. And there is no doubt in Melvin's mind that many top-flight British criminals are being helped with money "laundered" from the United States.

First signs that the Mafia was looking towards the United Kingdom for business expansion came in the Sixties. Casinos had become legal for the first time in Britain and, before long, plane-loads of "high rollers" seeking new gambling pastures were arriving.

With them came other Americans with a far more practical purpose than chasing their assets over a game of cards or a spin of the wheel. They approached the notorious Kray twins, up-and-coming claimants to the title of Kings of the Underworld.

Seeing the threat developing of a new unholy alliance forming on the London scene, Scotland Yard acted swiftly: Top Mafia men, indignantly protesting their innocence, were passed off back to US with one-way plane tickets. The Krays went to more domestic activities and eventually went to prison for murder.

And over the years, apart from the odd prosecution and deportation of an American national, the full danger represented by powerful overseas crime syndicates was largely ignored.

The Task Force went into action in 1986. The chain of events which led to its formation began at exactly 6.40

am Nov 26, 1983, at the Brink's-Mat bullion warehouse in Hounslow, west London. That was when masked men stole three tons of gold worth £26 million.

The raid was all-British affair. But the subsequent search for the stolen bullion took Scotland Yard officers half way round the world. They uncovered a network of shell companies and accounts, laundering millions of pounds and dollars for the Mafia, American drug gangs and British criminals.

Scotland Yard realised it was time for a drastic reappraisal of organised crime. For it had become obvious that London's underworld was part of a loosely-knit international cartel.

The Task Force was formed. It was a truly golden trail which led the Yard investigators from the airport bullion warehouse to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Panama and the Caribbean. Much of the gold — £11 million — which is still missing — was remelted with added impurities to disguise the identifying composition. Then it was sold on the open market.

Some of the loot was even purchased by major bullion dealers, who were the original losers.

The cash obtained was transferred through a web of numbered bank accounts into banks and companies on the Continent, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

Companies, outwardly respectable with nominee directors drawn from local people but with anonymous beneficiaries, were used to pass on the money through other institutions. The tangled maze would elude any investigator.

Cottages belonging to Cheltenham Ladies' College, one of the most exclusive schools in Britain, were purchased by members of the gang. More cash went to buy land in London's highly desirable area of the Docklands. This was re-sold for a considerable profit. Other cash funded the purchase of millionaire-style villas in Spain and the West Indies.

The Brink's-Mat investigators trail turned up links with organised crime in America. Offshore accounts were found to be havens for laundered money from the profits of cocaine, heroin and cannabis smuggling into the southern United States.

Senior Scotland Yard detectives went to America, taking with them a key witness — an "investment advisor" from the Isle of Man who had agreed to talk about the money-chain — and set up Operation Cougar with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency.

American and British detectives on the Cougar team started the arduous task of sifting through a labyrinth of bank accounts to discover the whereabouts of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Det. Chief Superintendent Brian Boyce, first chief at first had trouble convincing Swiss banks — among the most secretive in the world — to open up their accounts.

Then he produced photographs of the body of one of his officers, Detective Constable John Fordham, after he had been stabbed to death by one of the Brink's-Mat gang. Boyce's hunch was that the Swiss bankers would not want to be linked with blood money. He was right. And more evidence flowed into the police station at Tottenham Court Road.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Plans to revive sluggish economy

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Oct 9. (AP) Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani today outlined major changes in a plan to revive the country's sluggish economy and said another \$16 billion would be needed to finance them.

Rafsanjani said the mining, oil, gas, petrochemical, cement, rubber and paper industries would receive "special attention" as Iran strives to rebuild its war-battered installations.

Speaking at his first press conference since he formed his new government last August, he said his ministers had revised a previous five-year economic plan put together by the last government.

Major changes in the plan hiked projected expenditures from some \$96 billion over the next five years to \$112 billion, Rafsanjani said.

The five-year economic plan, launched at the start of the Iranian year in March, is designed to revitalize the country's stagnant economy.

After eight years of war which tapped an annual \$10 billion of the country's resources, many of Iran's industries have fallen into disrepair due to neglect. Others have to be updated with new technology in order to remain competitive.

Iran relies on oil and gas exports for 95 per cent of its foreign exchange.

But its leaders are crucially aware that stagnant or dropping oil prices require boosting oil and other non-oil exports to feed Iran's 50 million population.

Growing at one of the fastest rates in the world, the population will double by 2010 at present rates.

Rafsanjani said his changes will be financed by boosting non-oil exports three-fold over the next five years.

## GCC urged to pool financial resources

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

A UNITED Gulf market could take the place of Hong Kong as a leading financial centre, Abdul Latif Al Hamad has said at a conference in Kuwait but another Kuwaiti economist, Dr Mohammed Sabah, held out little hope that GCC states will form a single market before 1997 when the state is turned over to China.

"Gulf states are not ready to unify. When they speak of a common market it is their emotions rather than their deeds speaking," said Harvard-educated Sabah.

He said that presently the differences among Gulf states eclipse the desire for unity and the states are not prepared to support each other in the manner the EEC members do.

"I fear that if we had a common market and one of the countries suddenly had economic trouble, due to a stock market crash or some such event, the other states would just run. They

would drain their partner of resources," said Al Sabah.

He was speaking on the second day of the conference on globalisation of financial markets that opened Saturday.

Al Hamad, who heads the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, said the Gulf states could fill the vacuum left by Hong Kong once it is turned over to China. This could only be done if GCC states pool their financial and human resources, he stressed.

If they fail to move swiftly, he said, they face the risk of being reduced to a marginal position on the sidelines of the mainstream of the international market.

To develop their weak and small markets he urged GCC states to adopt the following measures:

- strengthen the institutional composition of its markets by improving the management skills and introducing specialised consultancy houses to study domestic and foreign markets;
- develop human resources;
- introduce new investment instruments such as blue chip stocks, options, and futures;
- attract a greater number of investors through the use of information aids;
- enact legislation to regulate the markets.

## Experts tell Gulf banks to modernise

By Jadranka Porter

THE conference on globalisation of financial markets closed yesterday in Kuwait with a call to Gulf states to unify their financial markets in a bid to survive in the world that is increasingly becoming dominated by economic blocs.

Financial experts warned Gulf banks and governments that they must make urgent changes to avoid being brushed aside in an increasingly unified international market place.

The chairperson of the preparatory committee Dr Moudi Al Hamoud urged the Gulf states to jointly develop their human resources and research capabilities if they wish to have their

voice heard in "the world of giants."

She said the conference refrained from proposing recommendations and served only to start a dialogue that stresses an urgent need for measures to save GCC countries from being sidelined in the international marketplace.

Emphasising the potentially grim future that Gulf financial institutions face Ibrahim Dabdoub, the chief general manager of the National Bank of Kuwait, in his address said that the 1990s will see the survival of the fittest. This means a multi-tiered banking structure and a collapse of some small banks or even voluntary withdrawals from the banking system. To protect the interests of depositors, he recommended that

small banks merge with larger, better capitalised and sound banks. He also predicted a voluntary amalgamation of several of the small private sector-owned banks.

Government-owned banks are likely to remain immune to the changes but he contended that they too may seek to merge as public sector financial flows get weaker, he said.

The end result of these trends will be a rise in operating profitability of the survivors and a sounder ratio between the demand and supply of banking services in a market which is currently overbanked.

With the harsh competition on the international markets Dabdoub predicted

that few Arab banks would venture into overseas representation. Nor would there be an upsurge in investment banking, he said. Gulf banks, dismayed at the slowly expanding investor base and unwilling to risk large losses, have shied away from investment banking.

Instead of looking to Europe or the US for opportunities Dabdoub advised Gulf banks to explore grounds closer to home, namely the Arab world which, he said, is a natural partner to the Gulf bankers. He named trade finance, hedging, depository and ancillary business as areas with a potential. Inroads into the Arab market will enable Gulf banks to develop a niche-type regional specialisation that will strengthen their regional and international standing, he said.

amounted to \$384 billion.

"The figures speak for themselves," Al Hamad said adding that joint action is a must not only on the regional level but within the Arab world as well, if the GCC states are to secure a role in the international market.

## Dollar firm but pound slides on fears of weak economy

### Gold slightly up

LONDON, Oct 9. (Reuters) After a two week onslaught by central banks, the dollar held steady today but the pound sterling slid because of growing concern about Britain's economic health.

US share and foreign exchange markets were open today but trading was extremely quiet as many participants were absent from their offices because of the Columbus Day public holiday.

Probably as a result of this subdued trading, there was no fresh concerted intervention by the Federal Reserve and European central banks to boost the dollar down.

The Bank of Japan sold dollars during Asian trading but it was the first time in 10 trading days that US and European central banks had failed to attack the dollar in an attempt to hold it down at levels deemed acceptable by Western governments.

But the Bank of England busily sold dollars for pounds to defend sterling against a fresh wave of selling by operators gloomy about the British economy and the government's ability to right it.

The British currency dipped below three German marks for the first time since March 1988 when the Bank of England repeated attempts to

butress it.

"The Bank of England had been defending three marks heavily and once we got below there, sterling continued to slide," said a dealer with a British bank. "The economic situation is pretty dire and there is not much to support the pound."

The timing of its fall was unfortunate for the ruling Conservative Party, which opens its annual conference on Tuesday eager to vaunt the success of its free-market economic theories and to trumpet hardwork as the key to the creation of wealth.

"It follows a major embarrassment on Thursday when the government was forced to raise

bank base interest rates a full percentage point to 15 per cent, their highest level for eight years, to match similar rises in Western Europe triggered by West Germany.

British interest rates are roughly double those of its competitors, despite pleas by industry that at such high levels economic growth will be strangled and businesses will go broke.

Currency markets have been nervous about the British economy for some time but the interest rate rise appeared to have tipped their assessment heavily towards a vote of no confidence.

Other signs that all is not well

include a current account balance of payments deficit of \$4.63 billion (\$2.9 billion) in the latest quarter compared with 2.78 billion (\$1.7 billion) in the same period a year earlier.

The dollar closed in London at 1.8864 marks and 142.70 yen, little changed from its opening of 1.8885 and 142.65.

Gold was up slightly to close in London at \$363 an ounce compared with its finish on Friday of \$362.75.

"There are no positives for the pound," said Jeremy Hale, a senior economist at Goldman Sachs. "Recession is now the centre of concern."

## Ministers sign oil pact

BAGHDAD, Oct 9. (Opecna) Oil and energy ministers of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC), comprising Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and North Yemen, have formulated their first co-operation accord in oil and gas production and consumption.

The accord signed last night calls for co-operation and co-ordination in the production of oil and gas and the mapping out of a long-term strategy for the four member states.

It also covers common specifications for oil products and their derivatives, joint research and the establishment of laboratories in the fields of oil exploration and extraction and refining.

The ministers agreed to eliminate "all hurdles" hindering the transportation and exchange of member countries' petroleum by-products and called for co-ordination in technical and economic feasibility studies for joint oil ventures, which will benefit from laboratories in member states and will ensure a "smooth and active" transfer of expertise.

The accord stresses the need to exchange expertise in oil and planning in the field of manufacturing materials and additives, especially those used in the refining process, drilling and oil and gas processing.

It also emphasizes the need for increased co-ordination among institutes and oil training centres, including training programmes and the organisation of seminars and specialised technical forums. The agreement came after two days of talks between the ministers, which were preceded by a two-day meeting of oil experts from member states.

## The following banking transactions can be made by the customer from his office by

- ★ Opening of letters of credit
- ★ Checking the blacklisted companies
- ★ Transfer of salaries of employees to their accounts, in addition to other services...

"CASHLINK enables the customer to access a wide range of services and information on his accounts without leaving his office," said Hamad A.A. Al Hamad, Chairman of the Commercial Bank of Kuwait. In his address to the press while introducing this state-of-the-art service to the Middle East.

Through a personal computer in his own office or home the customer can link into the bank's main computer system and check information concerning his accounts, limits and facilities. Built-in security means that the customer can only access his own accounts and that customer account information remains strictly confidential. In addition to a wide range of information including current and historical exchange rates, deposit interest rates, and the names of boycotted companies.

But CASHLINK is more than an enquiry system. It can also be used to transfer funds and at a later stage to open letters of credit. As security for these latter transactions is of prime importance, these features are optional but if selected, security and authentication can be closely controlled by the customer. Commercial Bank's technical experts will assist the customer in ensuring that the right level of security is installed.

The system can be accessed by almost any personal computer already in use with the customer. This is linked by a communication software package provided by Commercial Bank. The customer is thus able to manage his funds and business operations without leaving his office. The Information System enables him to make decisions and implement them without visiting the bank.

Mr. Al-Hamad explained "CASHLINK is a product with many significant advantages. It is the only product in the entire Middle East offering not only enquiry functions but active functions including transfer of funds. It guarantees security while providing the customer with immediate access to his account information. It is very user friendly and its access control and security features are of the highest international standards.



Chairman of Commercial Bank of Kuwait, Mr Hamad Al Hamad

A summary of its functions are given below:

### 1. KD Current and Savings Account Enquiry

This is an enquiry facility which will allow the customer to check information on his current, savings and daily savings accounts. The output display shows various details like current and available balance, funds, last deposit or withdrawal amount and date thereof, today's deposits and withdrawals, overdraft limit, interest rate and overdraft accrued since the beginning of the current quarter. The transactions since the last statement are available for immediate display. The customer also has the option to review transactions back to three months from the date of the enquiry by specifying a date within the previous three months period. Forward and backward 'browsing' through the transactions are possible as well as printing any page on the display.

The float amounts are displayed as totals and show separately for one day float, two day float and three day float.

The transaction history shows the transaction type, cheque number, debit/credit amounts, transaction dates and the balance of the account on that day.

### 2. Stop Payment Cheque Enquiry

This display shows details of stop payments issued on cheques by the customer in regards to any specific account. Stop payments could be for stolen or lost cheques (signed or unsigned). The display will show whether it is a single or multiple cheque, the cheque number or numbers, the set-up date and expiry date.

The computer system will automatically stop any cheque presented with the same serial number at any of the branches of the bank.

### 3. Exchange Rates Enquiry

This enquiry will show the customer the day's rate (buying/selling) for cash and transfer rates for the major currencies. The customer has the option to request any specific currency not displayed on the screen and also to request rates for the last 90 days. Cross

rates (buying and selling) for any currency can also be required.

As soon as the enquiry is selected, the day's rate for 8 major currencies are displayed on the screen together with travelling cheque rates for US dollar and sterling pounds. Rates are available in the system for another 26 currencies which can be selected for enquiry.

Any date within the previous 90 days period can be entered to display the rate for that day as well as to calculate the cross rate.

### 4. KD Call and Foreign Currency Account Enquiry

This enquiry allows display of all foreign currency account details (FC current, savings, daily savings) and KD Call account details with transactions since the last statement. It shows last deposit and withdrawal amount and date, debit and credit interest rates, overdraft limit and expiry date, available and current balance, amount of debit/credit today, hold amounts if any and date of last statement. The transaction details show the trans-

action number, transaction type, debit/credit amounts, transaction date and the balance after the transaction.

### 5. Fixed Deposit Interest Rate Enquiry

This enquiry displays fixed deposit and call account interest rates for KD, Sterling, US dollar and Swiss francs for various periods and amounts. For Kuwaiti dinar the display will show rates for KD 1500/- to KD 100,000/- for periods of 2-7 days, 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 6 months and 12 months.

For the other three currencies the display will show rates for up to 25,000, 100,000, 250,000 for periods of 7 days, 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 6 months and 12 months.

### 6. Fixed and Profit Account Enquiry

This enquiry allows the display of Fixed and Profit account details including currency, interest rate, principal amount, blocked amount if any, value date, maturity date, interest accrued, interest paid, deposit value, available balance.

### 7. Consolidated Balance Enquiry

This enquiry will provide a consolidated picture of all the accounts relating to the customer. It will show all the account numbers, currency of the account, available balance, current balance, and interest accrued (debit or credit) since the beginning of the current quarter.

In case of foreign currency accounts, the amount displayed will be in foreign currency.

### 8. Limits Enquiry

This enquiry will allow a customer to display all his limits relating to various facilities and the utilised amounts against each facility. The amounts are shown with limit expiry dates for each facility which could be Letter of Guarantee (Performance, Advance Payments, Tender, Purchase, Ship-pling), Letter of Credit (Sight and Usance), Payment against Documents, Commercial Loans, Current Accounts, Overdrafts, Advance Against Promissory Notes. The system provides a facility to look at a detailed breakdown of the utilised amounts under each facility which will show the individual facility number, margin held if any, the Foreign Currency and KD amounts, the facility expiry date and the currency name.

### 9. Letter of Credit Facility Enquiry

This display shows details of outstanding (sight and usance) letters of credit. Payment against Documents and Boycott Office or not. The enquiry can be searched in any specific country by entering the first few letters rather than the full name.

The country name can be specified in full or by its first few letters in which case the system will display a list of countries starting with those letters. If a company is only partially boycotted, the system provides details on such partial boycott as well as information on commodities boycotted.

### 10. Boycotted Company Names Enquiry

This is an enquiry facility whereby customers can find out whether a company is boycotted by the Israeli Boycott Office or not. The company name can be searched in any specific country by entering the first few letters rather than the full name.

The country name can be specified in full or by its first few letters in which case the system will display a list of countries starting with those letters. If a company is only partially boycotted, the system provides details on such partial boycott as well as information on commodities boycotted.

### 11. Cheque Book Request

Customers can request a cheque book on any of his current accounts and be will be advised to collect the cheque book from the branch the following day. The customer must advise the system the name of the authorised representative who will come to the bank to collect the cheque book.

### 12. Statement Request

Customer can request a statement of his account for any specific month since the account was opened. The customer is given the option to collect the statement from his branch or mailed to his address within three business days.

### 13. Funds Transfer

This is an optional facility which allows a customer to transfer KD from any of his KD Current or Savings

accounts to his own or third party accounts of the same type with the bank. Strict security controls enable the customer to restrict authority on this option or to require that all transfers be authenticated by the chief or designated senior executives before being implemented. Restrictions are also available in terms of transaction and daily limits and number of authorisations required to effect a transfer. Similarly transfers to third parties can be disabled. Any such transfer request after proper validation by the user is subject to availability of funds or of overdraft limit on the account.

At a later stage transfers between foreign currency accounts, between KD and foreign currency accounts and international transfers will be available.

### 14. Funds Transfer Authorization

This facility allows a customer to authorise a Fund Transfer processed by another user from his account if the amount to be released is within his limit and within the available balance of the account.

### 15. Account Enquiry — New York Branch

Using this facility the customer can review the latest account information relating to all his accounts with Commercial Bank, New York branch. Transaction details will be available for the last 90 days which can be reviewed on the screen or PRINTED.

### Applications

"Commercial Bank is always striving to enhance customer service and convenience. Actually, the present facilities and services constitute only the first phase of CASHLINK. Further operations will be added," said Mr Al Hamad.

The Chairman of the Bank questioned his briefing by raising a question on local companies' acceptance of CASHLINK. He said that this service is widely accepted by national companies and institutions. One of the best examples is Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) which was among the first to join CASHLINK. KAC officials have expressed great satisfaction with the service.

### 4. Which CASHLINK service/services have you used the most?

- A. Obtain immediate information on account balances & movements.
- B. Issue instruction to the bank to make payments for our accounts in Kuwait or abroad.

### 5. Do you find CASHLINK useful to your firm?

CASHLINK was introduced to customers at the right time as it coincided with the launching of the automated payment system effective 1.6.1989. By connecting this system to the CASHLINK, considerable time and effort can be saved hence reducing the cost of handling KAC's financial transactions.

### 6. Your practical impression of CASHLINK service?

CASHLINK service is very practical and easy to use. It provides confidentiality and reduces the cost of handling transactions. The availability of this service makes our daily requirements for managing our cash and bank balances more efficient and practical.

## Kuwait Airways Corporation

As a result the following questions were addressed to Dr. Bader Al-Mallallah, Finance Director, of the CASHLINK service which is now being used by the Corporation.

### 1. Did you find CASHLINK practical?

The main features of CASHLINK are to facilitate routine banking trans-



The Finance Director at Kuwait Airways Corporation Dr Bader Al Mallallah



# Rebuilding Lebanon to cost \$8b

AMMAN, Oct. 9, (Reuters): Lebanon's Central Bank governor, in remarks published today, said his country would need about \$8 billion for post-war reconstruction.

Edmond Naim told the Arabic-language daily Ad-Dustour it would take at least two years to repair 14 years of war damage to the country's infrastructure

and services.

He said Arab and foreign countries had showed readiness to help in a future effort to rebuild public services such as schools and water and electricity networks.

Naim said the Central Bank had \$5 billion in gold and foreign exchange deposited abroad and was owed about 700

billion Lebanese pounds (\$1.52 billion) by the Beirut government in treasury bills and direct advances.

An Arab League peace plan halted six months of fighting across divided Beirut last month and Parliamentarians are now meeting in the Saudi Arabian city of Taif to try to agree on a national reconciliation charter and political reforms.

The bank said in remarks published today that the country had assets in gold and hard currency worth \$5 billion, and that prosperity could return to Lebanon once the current instability ended.

"(Lebanon) enjoy once more prosperity in two years, after security and political conditions became stable once again," Naim said.

## More incentives given to exporters

# Baghdad boosts non-oil exports

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Oct. 9, (AP): Iraq, seeking a substantial increase in foreign currency revenues, has boosted non-oil exports this year through incentives and better marketing, a senior trade official said today.

Falah Mirza, head of the fair and commercial services department at the Trade Ministry, told the Associated Press that his division has granted more than 60 million Iraqi dinars (\$180 million) in export licences this year to the private sector to export industrial and agricul-

tural goods.

Mirza said the figure excludes non-oil exports by state-run organisations which are mainly done in government-to-government deals.

He said most of the goods were agricultural produce like dates and vegetables which were exported to Gulf states.

But he stressed that Iraqi businessmen have developed market for new exports like carpets, marble, tiles, cement and fertilizers.

Last year the private sector

exported goods worth more than 30 million dinars (\$90 million).

But exports are expected to double because of government subsidies and more flexible export regulations.

Iraq's oil revenue, Mainstay of its economy, is running at around \$11 billion a year.

Baghdad is driving to build up its oil export capacity as part of its ambitious reconstruction plans following last year's ceasefire in the 8-year war with Iran.

But it is saddled with a \$60-70

billion debt because of the war and is striving to reschedule repayments to help secure credits to help fund reconstruction.

Major economic reforms have been enacted to streamline industry and boost efficiency and diversify the economic base.

The government now allows exporters to import machinery and capital goods with foreign currency earned from exports.

That was done to ease strict government controls designed to prevent the flight of capital in the form of goods.

## Fed chief starts talks in Moscow

MOSCOW, Oct. 9, (Reuters): The head of the United States' central bank today began talks with Soviet officials on how the guardian of world capitalism might help the bastion of communism out of its acute economic difficulties.

US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan held talks with bank chairmen and state planning officials.

Leonid Abalkin, a deputy prime minister and senior economic adviser to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, invited Greenspan to Moscow to seek his advice on how to solve massive economic problems which are contributing to widespread unrest.

Greenspan is not the first head of the US central bank to visit Moscow. Arthur Burns and William Miller came in the 1970s — but his visit coincides with widespread impatience at the slow pace of political and economic reform.

Greenspan was invited several months ago for what officials said was a symbolic visit during which he would listen, learn and offer advice.

Abalkin and Greenspan are to meet tomorrow. In two days of talks, the Soviet side was expected to ask for Greenspan's opinion on how to close Moscow's yawning budget gap, reduce its rouble surplus and end shortages of food and consumer goods.

Soviet officials say they are studying ways to make the rouble a truly convertible currency, although such plans are in the earliest of stages.

Billions of roubles are locked into the economy in the form of private savings, because ordinary citizens have so few goods on which to spend them.

Greenspan arrived yesterday evening along with Robert Zoellick, counsellor to Secretary of State James Baker, and the Fed's top international expert, Edwin Truman.

Today they held talks with the chairman of the Soviet State Bank, Viktor Gershenko, and the chairman of the Bank of Foreign Economic Activity, Yuri Moskovsky, a US embassy spokesman said.

Greenspan was to have lunch with the chairman of the State Price Committee, Vyacheslav Senchagov.

## Gold coin sales slipping

### Public interest on the wane

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9, (AP): The American Eagle gold bullion coin, which soared on its attractiveness as an investment when introduced three years ago, is having its wings clipped lately by falling public interest.

When the first Eagles were struck on Oct. 20, 1986, it took four months for the US mint to catch up with demand for the first US gold coins in general circulation for more than a half-century.

Now, however, it never takes the mint's full capacity to meet demand.

"Gold is not as prominent in people's minds now as it was three years ago when the Eagle started," explained mint director Donna Pope.

"People are inspired to buy gold by fears of raging inflation and unrest in the world," she said in an interview. "Well, that's not the case, so they're not buying gold."

Nevertheless, the mint was sold more than 4 million ounces in gold coins since the American Eagle programme began, including 500,000 ounces so far this year, Mrs. Pope said the coins consume 25 per cent of the newly mined gold in the United States each year.

The coins, featuring Miss Liberty on one side and a family of Eagles on the other, are minted at West Point, New York, the government's second-largest gold depository.

They have face values of \$50, \$25, \$10 and \$5 and have gold contents ranging from a full ounce in the \$50 coin to one-tenth of an ounce in the \$5 coin. But they sell for much more than that, their prices fluctuating according to the price of gold on the world market.

Last Friday, for example, the \$50 coin was selling for \$385 and 86 cents, as spot gold prices that day were 363.70 an ounce. Mrs. Pope said the same coin sold for about \$480 when introduced three years ago and climbed to 500 in September 1987 before prices began to fall.

People buy the coins mainly for investment purposes, Mrs. Pope said. They generally are men age 35 years and older who have upper-middle incomes.

The mint does not sell directly to the public, relying instead on banks, investment houses and coin dealers who charge sales commissions. The mint also earns a small commission on each sale.

Congress authorised the sale of the coins in December 1985 after then-president Ronald Reagan banned imports of the South African gold kruggerand.

Until then, the United States had not had a gold coin in general circulation since 1933, the year the country went off the gold standard, revoking the past practice of promising to redeem paper money in gold.

## Tea production continues to decline

COLOMBO, Oct. 9, (Kuna): Sri Lanka's tea production continued to decline, resulting in a loss of nearly \$25 in foreign exchange earnings during the first six months of this year, officials said here today.

An official at a leading tea broking firm said the tea production figure of 131 million kilos during the first eight months of this year showed a shortfall of 28 million kilos over the production during the corresponding period last year.

Tea exports, always a major foreign exchange earner, also declined during the first six months of the year, the official said.

He said up to June, 90 million kilos of tea was exported, 19.5 million kilos less than the exports in the corresponding period last year, resulting in a revenue loss of 25 million dollars. Export figures for July-August have yet to be released, the official said.

The slump in production was accused by Sinhalese extremists in southern and central Sri Lanka,

the country's tea producing areas, the officials said.

In addition to ordering work stoppages in the tea plantations, the Sinhalese rebels of the JVP, or People's Liberation Front, set fire to over 250,000 kilos of tea last month and torched several state and private owned tea factories, government officials in Colombo said.

The officials said it was unfortunate that the industry was being subjected to such hardships at a time when tea prices in the international markets were on the rise.

The price hike is attributed to a slump in production in India, another major tea producing country apart from Sri Lanka itself, according to the officials.

Last year, tea production in Sri Lanka had reached a record high of 227 million kilos, out of which 219 million kilos was exported to earn 12 billion rupees (nearly \$360 million) in foreign exchange.

## Investcorp launches new funds

INVESTCORP, the international investment bank, has arranged a number of new funds for institutional and private investors in the Gulf, following the substantial investor support of its European Acquisition Fund, placed earlier in the year. Some of these funds will be open and with variable capital, while others will be close ended with fixed capital. With the launching of these new funds, Investcorp will have eight funds available to its customers to meet different investor needs.

Two funds are being offered to investors immediately: the Foreign Exchange Fund and the Guaranteed Fund.

The Foreign Exchange Fund is an open-ended fund which will be professionally managed by Investcorp. It offers investors the opportunity to generate short-term gains associated with fluctuations in exchange rates through investment in foreign currencies and foreign exchange rate-sensitive instruments of short maturity.

The Guaranteed Fund is a closed-end fund based on investment in foreign currencies and foreign exchange instruments. However, it carries a guarantee that the capital will be returned seven years from the fund's closing date.

In addition to the Foreign Exchange and Guaranteed Funds, Investcorp has arranged the following three funds which will be launched early in 1990:

The Investcorp International Real Estate Fund, a closed-end fund, offering investors the opportunity to participate in a diversified portfolio of prime real estate investments in North America and Western Europe.

The Investcorp International Acquisition Fund is closed-end and invests in the equity and equity-related instruments of private companies, the acquisition of which is arranged by Investcorp.

The Investcorp Liquid Fund is open-ended and invests in a mixture of short-term, money-market instruments and the equity of private companies.

### EXCHANGE RATES

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UAE dirham	158.20
Deutsche mark	88.110
Japanese yen	802.105

## ROC introduces new exchange rate policy

# Taiwan's economy remains fundamentally sound

THE REPUBLIC OF China's economic success began in the early 1960s, as early as the 1950s, when the government introduced policies for industry and trade played essential roles in the rapid growth and remarkable structural transformation of the economy. The swift expansion of labour-intensive manufactured exports contributed to efficient industrialisation, by permitting specialisation according to comparative advantage and stimulating technological improvement. Living standards improved, as did income distribution, through the creation of productive employment and rapid increases in real wage rates.

The economy of the ROC is currently grappling with a huge trade imbalance with the United States and a rapid appreciation of the New Taiwan dollar. Taiwan exported 38.7 per cent of its total exports to the United States, and its trade surplus amounted to \$10.4 billion (excluding \$2.8 billion monetary gold imports) in 1988. Dependent on the US market and without retaliatory leverage, the Republic of China is a likely target of US protectionist measures, although the trade surplus with the United States shrank 35 per cent in 1988 as against 1987.

In addition, in the period between the G-5 meeting in New York in September 1985 and December 1988 the NT dollar appreciated 43.7 per cent against the US dollar. This development has affected considerably the economic performance of the ROC.

In addition, due to the acceleration of the political democratisation process, the rising costs of environmental pollution and the poverty of public services and welfare can no longer be ignored. The government must restructure its policy to give greater priority to pollution control, consumer protection and social welfare improvement.

Despite these difficulties, the economy of Taiwan remains fundamentally sound, having grown at 7.33 per cent in 1988. Policymakers presently find themselves at the crossroads,

with many of the current structural problems being basically the result of the past successes.

Restructuring the economy and maintaining a high rate of economic expansion will depend to a great extent on expanding domestic demand, diversifying export markets and revising mercantilist trade policies.

The future lies in liberalising imports and foreign exchange control, reforming the financial system, expanding technology transfers, and assuming greater responsibility for preserving an open world trading system.

The success of outward-oriented industrialisation has created a growing export surplus, which has expanded substantially in recent years (although the export surplus as percentage of GNP declined from 20.0 per cent in 1986 to 10.4 per cent in 1988). The size of Taiwan's foreign exchange holdings has become remarkable by any standards, with foreign reserves held by the Central Bank amounting to seventeen months of imports in 1988.

An export surplus represents more domestic savings than domestic investment or a positive net foreign investment, which is unusual for a newly industrialising country in need of substantial infrastructure construction. Actually, the Republic of China exports its savings in very large amounts to the United States to help finance the US budget deficit, despite the continuing trade dispute.

The Republic of China has been facing trade imbalances with the United States and Japan. The relative importance of Japan both as a market and a supplier for Taiwan has not changed much in recent years.

Most imports from Japan have been machinery and equipment, metal products, and chemicals. Japan has benefited more than the United States from lower trade barriers, and Taiwan has consistently run a deficit in its trade with Japan, amounting to \$6,056 million in 1988. The Republic of China must take greater advantage of the yen's appreciation and domestic

market-oriented Japanese growth to increase its exports to Japan.

In contrast, the huge merchandise trade surplus with the United States has become a thorny issue. Labour-intensive goods remain important, but telecommunications equipment, office machines and C&A processing equipment, electrical machinery, and metal manufactures are the major exports.

In the United States, labour-intensive products from Taiwan have tended to compete with those manufactured by uncompetitive industries that were consequently very protectionist.

The recent detailed action plan seeks to diversify export products and reduce dependency on the US markets.

Passenger car imports from the US account for 30.4 per cent of total auto imports. Import shares of household laundry equipment and freezers exceed 70 per cent. Moreover, the average rate of effective duty has been brought down to 5.7 per cent, a level comparable to that of industrial countries.

The detailed action plan seeks to reduce the average rate of effective duty to 3.5 per cent by 1992. The average nominal rate of import duty will be reduced to 7.0 per cent by 1992, down from 12.6 per cent in 1988.

It is hoped that the US firms will take full advantage of new trade opportunities created by import liberalisation and the expanding domestic market of the Republic of China.

The Republic of China revised related laws and regulations and lifted most of foreign exchange controls that remain in effect and still need Central Bank approval are confined to non-trade-related inward remittances of more than \$30,000 and outward remittances of more than \$5 million by any individual or firm in a year. The government still restricts capital inflow to control short-term financial specula-

tion. There has been substantial outflow of private capital since early 1988, and overseas mutual funds have now become widely available for public foreign investment through the trust departments of foreign exchange banks.

The Republic of China introduced a new exchange rate policy in April 1989. Previously, a daily mid-rate was set according to the weighted average of the previous day's transactions. Bank traders had to buy and sell within 2.25 per cent of the mid-rate. The new guidelines abolish the 2.25 per cent limit, and a group of nine banks, five regular major foreign exchange banks and four local and foreign banks chosen on a rotation basis, set the range of buying and selling rates that apply to transactions under \$30,000. For trades \$30,000, rates are negotiated by trading banks with customers.

The Republic of China plans to make better use of its foreign exchange earnings for investment abroad rather than simply accumulating low-yield foreign reserves. Firms manufacturing apparel, plastic shoes, toys and handbags have relocated to lower-cost countries in the Asia-Pacific region, especially Thailand and Malaysia. A growing number have located production or acquired foreign firms in industrial countries, especially in the United States, to avoid trade barriers and obtain new technology.

The economy of the Republic of China is no longer a minor actor on the world's stage. The ROC realises it is in its best interests to reorient its economy and assume greater responsibility for preserving an open world trade system. Nevertheless, this adjustment process requires time, given the large gap between exports and imports. Policy measures that would restructure the economy and reduce the trade imbalance are sometimes unpopular and face resistance from interest groups, since these measures are bound to ask for sacrifice for certain sectors of society.

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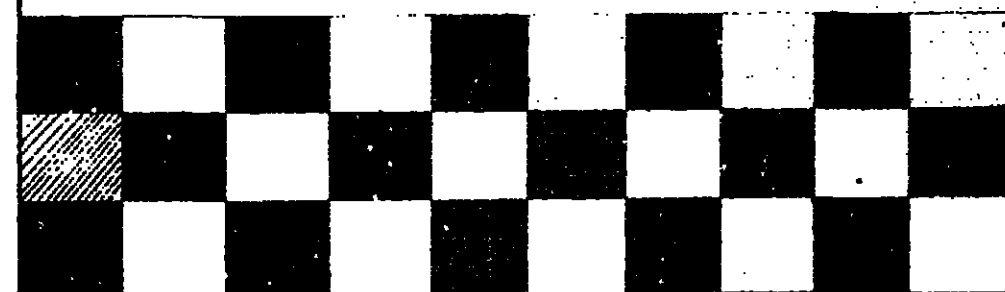
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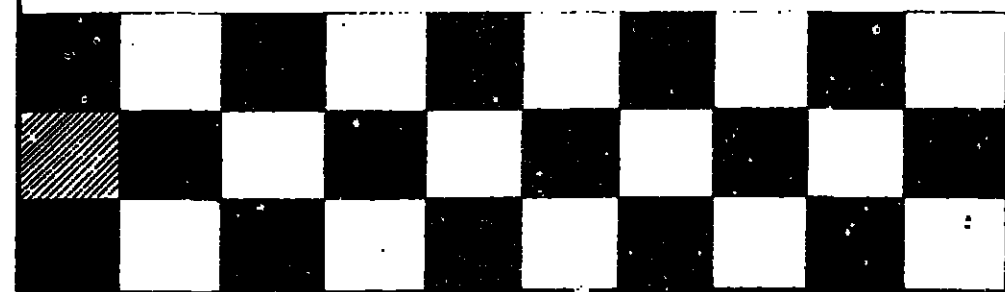
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Unskilled foreign workers pour in illegally

# Labour shortage posing dilemma for Japan



## Pollution concerns worry Arabs

ABU DHABI, Oct 9, (Reuters): Arab oil producing states are worried that growing environmental concerns in the world may hit their oil revenues.

Abdul Aziz Al Wattari, the secretary-general of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), said such concerns have led to calls for "rationalisation of energy consumption."

"This will raise big problems for Opec producers and increase international pressure at a time when they do not yet have a joint approach on how to tackle the issue," Wattari told Reuters in an interview.

He said Opec was working on the problem and would send a delegation to Brussels in December headed by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Minister Mana Said Al Otaiba to discuss the matter with the European Economic Community.

Opec's 10 members earn about \$60 billion from the production of around 14 million barrels of oil and they sit on 60 per cent of world crude reserves, enough to carry them well into the next century as producers.

Opec includes the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, the UAE, Qatar, Libya, Algeria and non-Opec Syria, Egypt and Bahrain.

Arab producers were worried about the high sulphur content of their crudes, especially the ones produced in the Gulf, oil industry sources said.

Sulphur is a major pollutant and removing it requires special units to be installed at refineries at additional cost.

"We cannot ignore this (pollutant) issue any more. It has assumed political proportions and is concerning the whole world," Wattari said.

He said Opec oil ministers will discuss the issue when they meet in Abu Dhabi on Nov 22 for their annual conference.

TOKYO, Oct 9, (Reuters): A labour shortage is posing an acute dilemma for Japan — the country is attracting a flood of foreign workers but its immigration law is framed to keep almost all of them out.

The result is tens of thousands of illegal immigrants. The government estimates there are more than 100,000 illegal foreign workers in Japan and some independent experts say the real figure is twice that.

Managers of small firms say they have no choice but to employ foreign workers because so few young Japanese want to work for them.

The young, more choosy than their parents, like pleasant jobs in big organisations. People say they want to avoid the "three K's" — Kitanai (dirty), Kiken (dan-

gerous) and Kibishii (tough). But Japan's immigration control law, passed in 1951, bans the entry of foreign manual labourers except for a few technical trainees. Only certain categories of professionals such as English-language teachers, nurses and journalists are allowed in.

So unskilled foreign workers pour in illegally.

Japan's wealth is a magnet for the poor and unemployed of Asia. A Justice Ministry survey of people caught overstaying tourist visas found that about 38 per cent came from the Philippines, 21 per cent from Bangladesh, 17 per cent from Pakistan and 10 per cent from Thailand.

Labour experts said thousands of others, mostly Chinese, came to Japan

officially as language students but were in fact working.

The Justice Ministry survey said 80 per cent of illegal male labourers worked on construction sites or in small factories while 80 per cent of women worked as 'entertainers'. Many of the women are in fact forced into prostitution.

The influx has provoked sharp debate between those who want to keep Japan's door shut to its poorer neighbours and those who favour letting foreign workers in.

Supporters of a closed market say allowing more unskilled workers into Japan will lead to racial tension, unemployment and crime, disrupting Japan's homogenous society. They fear other countries will criticise Japan for using foreigners to do its dirty

work.

"It is not human to allow unskilled foreign labourers into Japan because it will create discrimination against them and produce a new caste of unskilled foreign labourers," said Kanji Nishio, professor of German literature at the Electronic Communications University in Tokyo.

Those who want to open the labour market say Japan would benefit from a mixture of cultures.

They point to the labour shortage in industries such as construction and iron and steel and argue that a legal system for foreign workers could protect them from exploitation.

Yoshimi Ishikawa, a writer who has researched Japanese

emigration to the United States, said in the monthly magazine 21: Japan can revitalise its homogeneous society through contact with different values. The illegal foreign workers are making up for the labour shortage in Japan ... we have to keep the channel open for manpower from abroad."

As the number of illegals continues to grow, the government is being pressed to take action. But so far it has done little except set up committees to study the issue, labour experts say.

"Japan should first accept the fact that they are here and stop ignoring the alarming increase in illegal workers," said Masatoshi Yorimitsu, professor of sociology at Hitotsubashi University.

Some action is being taken. The Justice Ministry has set up a special task force in Tokyo and Osaka with a total staff of 20 to investigate illegal foreign workers, a ministry official said.

The Labour Ministry said it would have a total of five officials in five prefectures from October 1 to handle foreign workers and enforce rules against hiring them.

Some officials say the solution is simply to arrest illegal workers and deport them but others say this is unworkable.

"We cannot implement those measures because we have to respect human rights. What we can do is limited," the Justice Ministry official said.

The problem for Japan's smaller businesses is stark.

The Labour Ministry says there were on average 135 job offers for every 100 job seekers in July, up from 108 job offers a year earlier. A ministry official said the shortage of workers was most acute in construction, retail, machinery and other manufacturing firms.

A sudden influx of boat people from Vietnam and China this summer has added fuel to the fire.

A significant number of the 2,950 boat people who have arrived this year have turned out to be Chinese citizens pretending to be Vietnamese refugees in order to gain entry to Japan. Yorimitsu said Japanese were concerned that many more could try to gain entry if there was further political unrest in China.

## Opec, non-Opec to meet on environment

JAKARTA, Oct 9, (Reuters): Opec secretary-general Subroto said Opec experts would meet independent oil producers early in 1990 to discuss the impact of environmental concerns on the oil market.

"We have agreed to continue discussion on the long and medium term oil situation, and the common steps we should take on environmental issues," Subroto told reporters after meeting President Suharto during a visit to his native Indonesia.

Subroto said the environment was very important at this time because developed countries were moving fast on the issue while oil producers had taken no steps.

Producers are beginning to express fears that environmentally aware industrial nations will switch away from oil to cleaner energy sources such as liquefied natural gas.

"Oil producers need to co-operate and take a common stand on environmental issues if we meet with oil consumers in the future, because it will affect the future of oil," Subroto said.

He said an exact time and venue for the meeting, which follows an Opec/non-Opec meeting last May, had yet to be fixed.

"But co-operation with independent producers is very important because they share world production with Opec 50-50," Subroto said.

A group of non-Opec producers, which has just wound up a two-day meeting in Kuala Lumpur, also called for co-operation with producers from Opec countries in a bid to stabilise the market.

Subroto said the environment issue had surfaced at his recent meeting with the European Economic Community's special energy section in Brussels.

"We agreed to start discussions on a technical level with the EEC on environmental issues," he said.

The EEC, which imports 45 per cent of its oil, asked the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries for supply security, Subroto said.

"If they want security or supply we also want security of demand from them," he said.

## Compensation for Iran

### Mitsui to pay \$1b

NICOSIA, Oct 9, (Reuters): The Japanese firm Mitsui and Company has undertaken to pay Iran almost \$1 billion within three months in compensation for ending its role in a joint petrochemical complex, Iran's Irna news agency said today.

It quoted Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh as saying Mitsui agreed to provide oil industry equipment worth up to \$500 million to Iran on long-term credit as part of a deal winding up its partnership in the Iran-Japan petrochemical project.

Aqazadeh said Iran agreed to sell \$300 million worth of oil to Mitsui under the agreement dissolving the 50-50 joint venture, in which the two sides have invested 600 billion yen (\$4.23 billion) since 1971.

The plant, 85 per cent complete when the Iran-Iraq war broke out in 1980, was damaged by Iraqi air raids. Mitsui believes the project is no longer viable.

The Irna report, monitored in Nicosia, did not elaborate further on the compensation figure of almost \$1 billion. It earlier quoted foreign sources as saying a final accord would be signed within 90 days.

Aqazadeh said the settlement "removed a stumbling block in industrial and trade relations between Iran and Japan."

He also said Iran was determined to pursue the petrochemical project at Bandar Khomeini on the northern Gulf coast and work using foreign expertise would resume soon.

Iran has held talks with South Korean officials on a possible role for South Korean firms in completing the complex.

The Iranian parliament has designated the plant as a national project and its completion would be given top priority, Irna said.

Aqazadeh said a part of the complex on which Iranian experts have been working for some time would become operational in the spring in 1990.

## Jordan to get \$317 m in loans

AMMAN, Oct 9, (Reuters): Jordan will get \$317 million in loans from the World Bank, Japan and West Germany to support its balance of payments, the finance minister said today.

Basel Jandaneh told reporters the World Bank had agreed to lend \$150 million, Japan \$150 million and West Germany \$17 million on concessional terms to help cover a projected 1990 payments gap of \$660 million.

The loans would be repayable over 15 years with a seven-year grace period at what he termed very reasonable interest.

Jordan, with a foreign debt of up to \$8.3 billion, has embarked on a five-year adjustment programme agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in April.

Jandaneh said the government was determined to implement the IMF reforms and was on course to meet IMF-agreed targets.

Next year's budget, due to be published before the end of November, will project a deficit equal to 16.5 per cent of gross domestic product, compared to 20.2 per cent this year and 24 per cent in 1988, he said. The figures exclude

Arab aid grants.

The government would set a ceiling on food subsidies and try to target them more towards the most needy, he added.

Food subsidies are expected to cost the treasury about 60 million dinars (\$40 million) this year.

Jandaneh said consumer shops which sell subsidised food and other items to civil servants and members of the armed forces would have to return half their profits to the treasury.

He also forecast that tax reforms would raise

income tax revenue to 95 million dinars (\$152 million) in 1990 from 55 million dinars (\$85 million) this year.

A generalised consumer tax would be imposed as a prelude to the eventual introduction of value added tax. High tariffs would replace the present ban on certain luxury imports.

The minister said Jordan would probably not require another debt rescheduling after the five-year IMF programme.

## Millions unaccounted for at Petra Bank, says minister

AMMAN, Oct 9, (Reuters): Finance Minister Basal Jandaneh said today an inquiry into Petra Bank, Jordan's second biggest commercial bank, had shown at least \$68 million unaccounted for.

"What we have found till today is much worse than what we have envisaged," he said of a

government investigation into the affairs of Petra Bank and its Iraqi owner Ahmed Chalabi.

Chalabi left Jordan in disputed circumstances on August 8, five days after the government used martial law powers to assume management of Petra Bank and the smaller Jordan Gulf bank.

Jandaneh told reporters Chalabi had received sympathetic treatment in the foreign press, adding: "He doesn't deserve it."

The minister said two companies owned by the Chalabi family and managed by Ahmed Chalabi's brother Hazem had taken loans from two Chalabi-owned institutions in Switzerland.

The two companies had borrowed from Petra Bank and its Washington-based subsidiary, Petra International Banking Corporation.

"The funds were remitted from Petra bank on Chalabi's instructions ... but they were not recorded in Petra bank," Jandaneh said.

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The proceeds of the issue will go to part-finance the capital cost of its Acrylic Staple Fibre and Nylon Tyre Cord projects which have already commenced production at Jhalawar in Rajasthan, as well as to part-finance normal capital expenditure.

A sum of Rs.300 per debenture is payable on application. Each debenture will be bifurcated into two parts: Part A would be the convertible portion of Rs.120 which would be converted into three equity shares of Rs.10 each at a premium of only Rs.30 per share as against the market price of Rs.77.50 (ex-Rights market price on 29th September, 1989 at 31st Kanpur Stock Exchange) on 31st March, 1990, the conversion date.

Part B would be the non-convertible portion of Rs.180, 12.5 per cent annual interest rate would be payable on a half-yearly basis. This portion is

to be redeemed in 3 equal instalments at the end of the 6th, 7th and 8th years.

Since Part A and Part B would be listed separately, the investor will be able to balance his portfolio the way he chooses to, even before the conversion date i.e. 31st March, 1990.

The story of J K Synthetics is the story of synthetic fibres and yarns in India. Pioneering the indigenous manufacture of Nylon Yarn in 1962, the company rapidly expanded and diversified its base.

Today, J K Synthetics' activities include nylon/polyester yarn; nylon tyre cord; polyester staple fibre; acrylic staple fibre; grey and white cement; metallic coops for yarn handling operations; equipment for petrochemical, fertiliser, pharmaceutical & chemical industries.

J K Synthetics is the only company in India to provide technical know-how for synthetic yarn projects in India and abroad. The company is the most diversified manufacturer of synthetic fibres & yarns, and the largest producer of white cement in India. It is also emerging as the largest manufacturer of acrylic staple fibres in India.

The company's acrylic staple fibre and nylon tyre cord projects at Jhalawar in Rajasthan have already commenced production. These projects have been implemented in technical collaboration with Montedison S.P.A. and Tecnimont S.P.A. of Italy to manufacture Acrylic staple fibre,

and with Tongyang-Nylon Co. Ltd., South Korea, to manufacture nylon tyre cord employing the latest spin-draw technology.

J K Synthetics has always relied on R & D to improve existing products and services and to develop new ones. It has its own Sir Padampat Research Centre which is India's leading research institution in synthetic fibres and yarns, and recognised by the Government of India. The centre has an outstanding record of having filed 27 patents in just 15 years.

J K Synthetics has also been awarded a letter of intent for the prestigious project to manufacture aromatics and PTA at Salempur in U.P. This marks a successful entry into the high-growth area of petrochemicals.

J K Synthetics has achieved excellent results for the year ended 31st March, 1989. Gross turnover at Rs.765 crores and gross profit at Rs.64.8 crores are the highest ever in the history of the company. With an excellent record of uninterrupted dividends for the last 27 years, it has declared a dividend of 22 per cent on equity shares on the capital enlarged by the Rights Issue made during the last year.

The issue will open on Wednesday, 18th October, 1989, and close on Monday, 27th November, 1989. The last date for receiving requests for split forms is Thursday, 9th November, 1989.



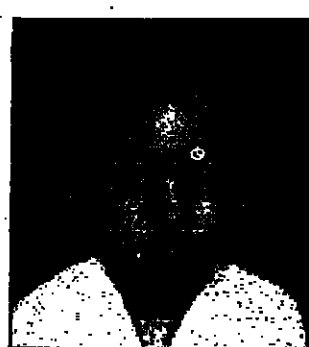
## birthday



Amit Mathew Varikalam celebrated his 4th birthday on October 4th. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Amit enjoys singing and spoiling toys.



Shayma Firoz Pushpa celebrated her 8th birthday on October 9. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Shayma goes to the Carmel School and likes painting, cartoons and stories.



Randolph Joshua Fernandez celebrated his 4th birthday on October 8th. Belated greetings from mum, dad, Nicole, Richy, Noel and Joel. Randolph goes to the United Indian School.



Dhipa Navin Khiara celebrated her 11th birthday on October 9th. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Dhipa goes to the Indian School-Salmiya.



Rennual Mart Razal celebrates his 5th birthday on October 11th. Happy birthday from daddy, mummy, Renzi, Arc and friends. Rennual goes to the United Indian School.



Magid Ghali celebrated his 14th birthday on October 2nd. Belated greetings from Tareq, Wael and Hani. Magid goes to the New English School and likes stamp collection.



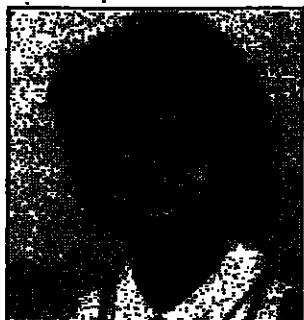
Syed Mustafa Quadri celebrated his 2nd birthday on September 30. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Syed loves watching television.



Kamran Shaikh celebrated his 5th birthday on October 2nd. Belated greetings from parents, friends and family. Kamran goes to the Indian School and likes playing and drawing.



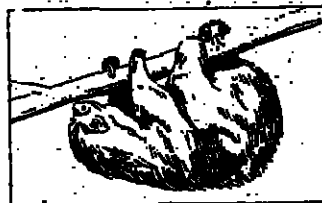
Dotton Loel Noronha celebrated his 2nd birthday on October 2nd. Belated greetings from parents, friends and relatives. Dotton likes playing, dancing and cycling.



Genevive Machado celebrates her 8th birthday on October 11. Happy birthday from mama, papa and brother Conrad. Genevive goes to the New Indian School and likes reading.

## Opposites from The Sloth

F	X	S	O	L	I	D	T	M	N
A	Q	L	V	Y	Z	A	L	D	O
S	P	H	A	V	E	W	S	R	R
T	E	M	P	O	R	A	R	Y	T
J	U	T	F	M	P	K	V	X	H
D	Z	F	N	O	N	E	Z	Q	U



Directions: The words are hiding across, backwards, up, down or diagonally. The words are always in a straight line, never skip letters or go in circles.

In the puzzle above are Hidden Words. These words are opposites of the words listed below. Each word in the puzzle can also be found in the story. Find the hidden words, circle them, and then fill in the opposite chart.

## Word

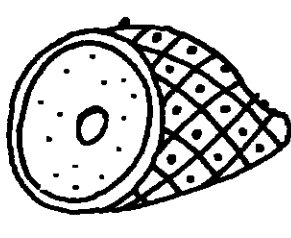
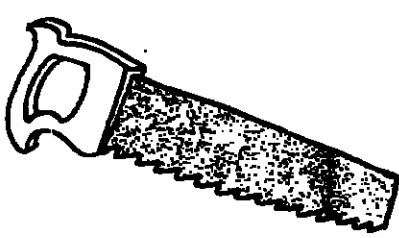
1. moist
2. sleep
3. slow
4. on
5. south
6. all
7. hollow
8. permanent
9. energetic
10. lack

## Opposite

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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## Beginning letters

Say the name of each picture. Write the beginning letter.



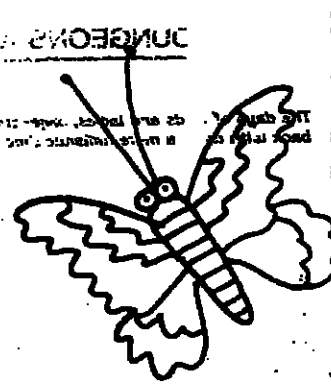
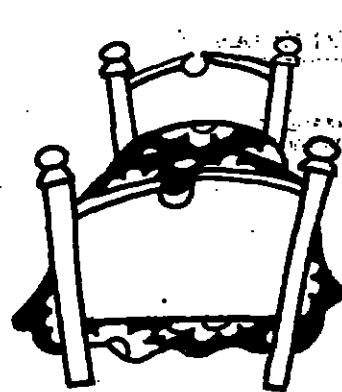
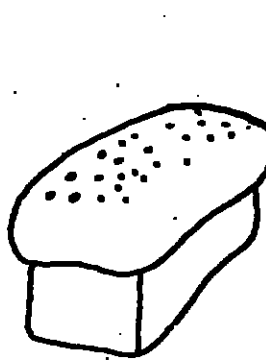
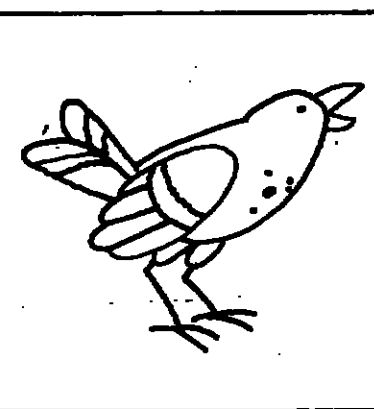
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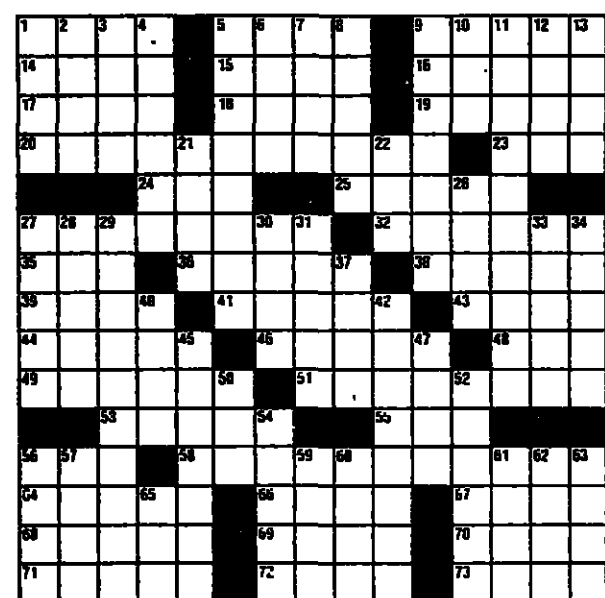
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## Ending sounds

Look at the picture in the box. Say its name. Colour all the pictures and circle those which end with the same sound.



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Small delicacies
  - 5 Dull, explosive sound
  - 9 Baked —
  - 14 Of the ear
  - 15 Expect
  - 16 Winter weather word
  - 17 Yemen capital
  - 18 Persia, now
  - 19 Coffee accompaniment
  - 20 Seafood on the half shell
  - 23 Bee follower
  - 24 Type of payment: Abbr.
  - 25 Soil
  - 27 Shrewd manner
  - 32 Simple Simon met him
  - 35 Bobby of hockey
  - 36 Porky's feature
  - 38 Amphitheater
  - 39 Streets, in Strasbourg
  - 41 — food cake
  - 43 Mid-11th cen. date: Roman
  - 44 Poplar
  - 46 Strong winds
  - 48 Puppeteer Baird
  - 49 See 5 Down
  - 51 New productions of old plays
  - 53 Shatter
  - 55 Cure lead-in
  - 56 Camel's hair fabric
  - 58 Greens for the general?
  - 64 — mignon
  - 66 Vincent Lopez's theme
  - 67 Jordan's queen
  - 68 — of Two Cities
  - 69 Steep, rugged

- DOWN**
- 1 Large pear
  - 2 Romance lang.
  - 3 A Turner
  - 4 Shrimp, on a
  - 5 With 49 Across, a regal dish
  - 6 Circle dance
  - 7 Poisonous sap tree
  - 8 Supernatural spirit
  - 9 NW Oregon port
  - 10 Ararat's org.
  - 11 Dessert named for an opera star
  - 12 — majesty
  - 13 Kitchen follower
  - 21 Wrongdoings
  - 22 Be off guard

- ACROSS**
- 26 Duration
  - 27 Reef composition
  - 28 West Indies island
  - 29 Relative of 58 Across
  - 30 Air
  - 31 Beet product
  - 33 Blacksmith's device
  - 34 Tool chest items
  - 37 Gram or graph beginning
  - 40 Slender
  - 42 Power to influence
  - 45 Made lawful
  - 47 Tastes
  - 50 Brownies' org.
  - 52 Articles of food
  - 54 Therefore
  - 56 A long way off
  - 57 Snack
  - 59 Short-billed bird
  - 60 "What a pity!" star
  - 61 Burglar's booty
  - 62 Tops
  - 63 Attracted
  - 65 Inventor
  - Whitney

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

W	H	E	L	P	A	T	I	O	N	M	A	S	N
A	E	R	I	E	L	E	V	I	O	N	C	E	
R	E	M	O	D	E	L	L	E	D	E	A	R	
P	L	A	N	P	I	E	R	L	E	N	D	S	
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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
COUNT, DON'T GUESS

Neither vulnerable. South deals.  
NORTH  
♠ 6 5  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ 7 6 2  
♣ A K Q 7 3

WEST EAST  
♥ Q J 10 7 ♠ 9 4 2  
♦ 8 ♣ Q 9 7 6 3 2  
♠ A K J 10 8 4 ♦ Q 3  
♣ 6 4 ♠ 5 2

SOUTH  
♠ A K 8 3  
♥ A J 5  
♦ 9 5  
♣ J 10 9 8

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 1 ♦ 2 ♦ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass  
5 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦  
Legend has it that P. Hal Sims never misguessed a missing queen. When pranksters set up a hand where the queen of trumps was missing and gave each defender the cards for a while before announcing: "I think both you birds have the queen of trumps!" Those of us not so adept at guesswork

must find other ways to locate her majesty.  
North's cue-bid simply created a game force without saying anything about diamond control. Thereafter, it was easy to steer clear of no trump without a diamond stopper in favor of the minor-suit game.

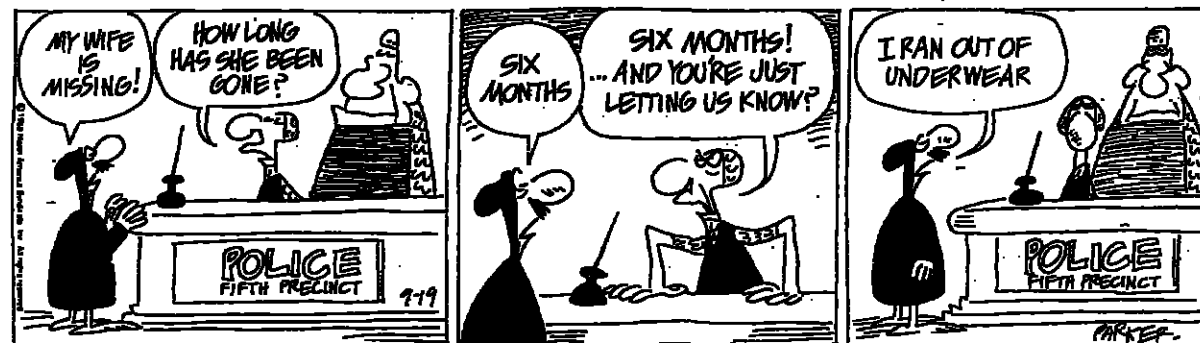
West cashed two high diamonds and continued with a third round of the suit. Obviously, the fate of the contract hinged on avoiding the loss of a heart trick. We doubt even Sims would have relied on instinct. He would have unearthed milady's location in a more reliable fashion.

After ruffing the third diamond, declarer should draw trumps in two rounds. Next, the ace and king of spades are cashed, followed by a spade ruff. Declarer returns to hand with a trump to ruff the last spade.

By now, declarer has learned West started with four spades, six diamonds and two clubs. A simple matter of arithmetic confirms that West cannot have more than one heart. Thus, declarer can claim his contract. If a heart to the king does not fetch the queen, declarer can take a marked finesse against East for that card.

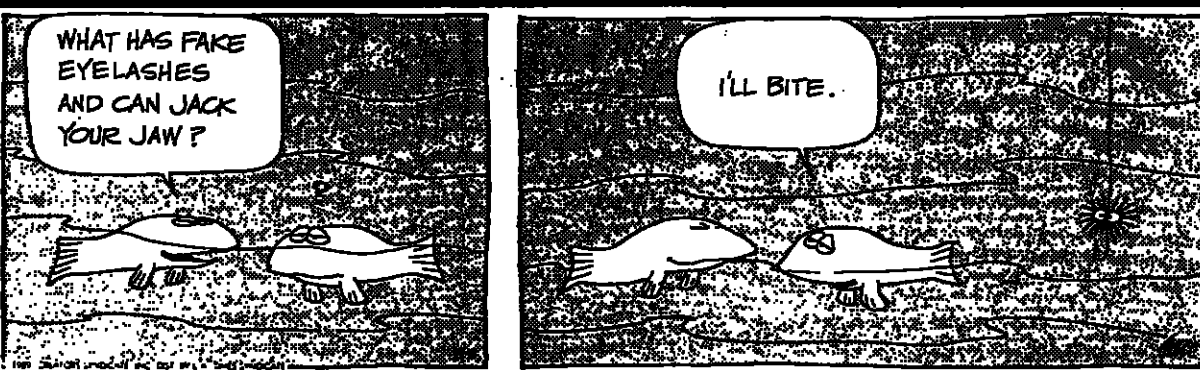
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You will have to make up your mind on a problem involving technicalities and should not spur expert advice. You should have just that little more faith in yourself. Make sure your diet contains enough vitamins and minerals. Be proud without being vain.



**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will have a bit of good luck but you will not quite realize it at the time. You should avoid trying to achieve by force what persuasion and charm have not brought to you. Make sure you observe limits of propriety. Be considerate.



**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You must make sure you do not become involved in something that does not really concern you. You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity. Your lucky numbers are 15 and 34.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
Do not seek to do too many things all at once but do persevere. You should not assume that others will be co-operative. Avoid taking too much for granted. Be prompt.



**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
You have the wind in your sails but must make sure you are heading in the right direction. Avoid having a succession of late nights and do try to relax. Do not do anything you would not like done to you. Be tactful.



**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
You should not expect to have everything quite your own way. You should resist a temptation to do something just slightly illegal. Give others the opportunity to speak and listen to them. Be more patient.



**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**  
You are in the right mood to deal with the day's problems. You will be able to make some changes for the better. Make sure you do not expose yourself to infection. Be understanding.



**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**  
Avoid becoming a health food fan but do make sure your food is healthy. Concentrate hard on what you are doing and do not permit yourself to be distracted. Do not be so concerned with details that you miss the 'wood for the trees'. Be fair.



**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
You will not be inclined to do much today and must use your will-power to try to overcome this disinclination. You will get some good advice — take it. Do not have too extended a lunch 'hour'. Be true to your word.



**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**  
Everything will take just that much longer so there is no time to linger. Something you had hoped for will not happen, but nor will something you had feared might happen. You should not well too much on the past — it has been and is gone. Be moderate.



**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**  
You will be able to avail yourself of a good opportunity only if you do not dither. You will be able to do something to increase your personal prestige. You should not allow yourself to become discouraged too easily. Be reliable.



**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
You should not be too proud to accept criticism nor too vain to take advice. And do not say one thing to one person and the exact opposite on the same theme to another. Make sure you do not break a promise you have made. Be sincere.

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Colouring time

Where would you see the little fellow? The world of wild imagination is so large. Colour the picture in exciting warm colours and then read Julie's Twilight Dance.



Dear Junior readers,

Parents, the most special people in your life. The only persons who look after you when you are ill, cheer you up when you are feeling upset, spend so much money buying you things without anything in return. They are the only people who you can turn to for a hug and cuddle, who you can complain to and get the very best advice from. They should be put on a high pedestal and respected dearly.

Unfortunately, many of you seem to forget just how important they are and you often do things which get them extremely upset. You may argue with them over not eating vegetables and tidying your bedroom. You may neglect your homework making them worry about your future and intelligence. Or you may just be horrid for no reason at all. They deserve much more than that.

If you sit down and think of all the things they do for you and all of the sacrifices they made for you I'm sure you will change any bad attitudes you have in their respect.

They love you very much and only want the best for you. Never forget that.

Manal.

The twilight dance

By Julie Hodgson

ALL the insects gathered round the pond, waiting for the twilight music to begin. The soft hum of the crickets began to sound through the reeds, the glowworms were in their positions. The newts, frogs, and fish were all eagerly awaiting the dance.

The blue wishing fairies, lined up on the river bank. Their soft, pale blue wings, wafting in the gentle breeze. Their golden but-tercup crowns shining brightly. The music began, softly at first, the rhythm of the frogs croaking in unison, the crickets rub-

bing their wings together, to make a soft melodious sound, the silent whistling of the bats joined in. The old barn owl, twit-twoood in time with the crickets. The blue fairies danced around a lilly pad, how beautiful they looked. They danced so gracefully the music filled my ears and made me drift, with the sounds and beatings of the insects. More insects had joined in by now, so the night was well on it's way. It was a lot darker than the fifteen minutes before, when I came. I always came down to the blue fairy pond, at twilight, to see the twilight dance.

The evening just comes alive, I wondered if any kangaroos, or koala's will come and visit, sometimes the duck billed platypuss made a visit, but usually only on special occasions. Wombats came, later when it was much darker.

All the insects and small creatures always had to make sure there were no humans around, that might disturb their dance. They never really noticed me, sitting there in the bushes, if they did, they did not see me as a threat to their wonderful dance. I am only four-years-old, so I am quite small, and insignificant. So I am left in



peace to watch the world come alive, in the twilight dance...

Word search

DUNGEONS AND DOUBLETs

The days of lords and ladies, pageants and knights in shining armor — come back with us to a more romantic time in history via our puzzle.

ARMOR	DRAWING	JOUST	PAGEANT
BARLEY	DUNGEON	KEEP	SENTRY
BISHOP	FEUDAL SYSTEM	KNIGHT	SERF
CASTLE	POOL	LADY	SHIELD
CHAIN MAIL	GAUNTLET	LANCE	SPIR
CHIVALRY	GEON	LORD	SQUIRE
Town CRUISE	GORGON	MOAT	SWORD
DAGGER	HERALD	NOBLE	TOURNAMENT
DOUBLET	JESTER	PAGE	WATTLE

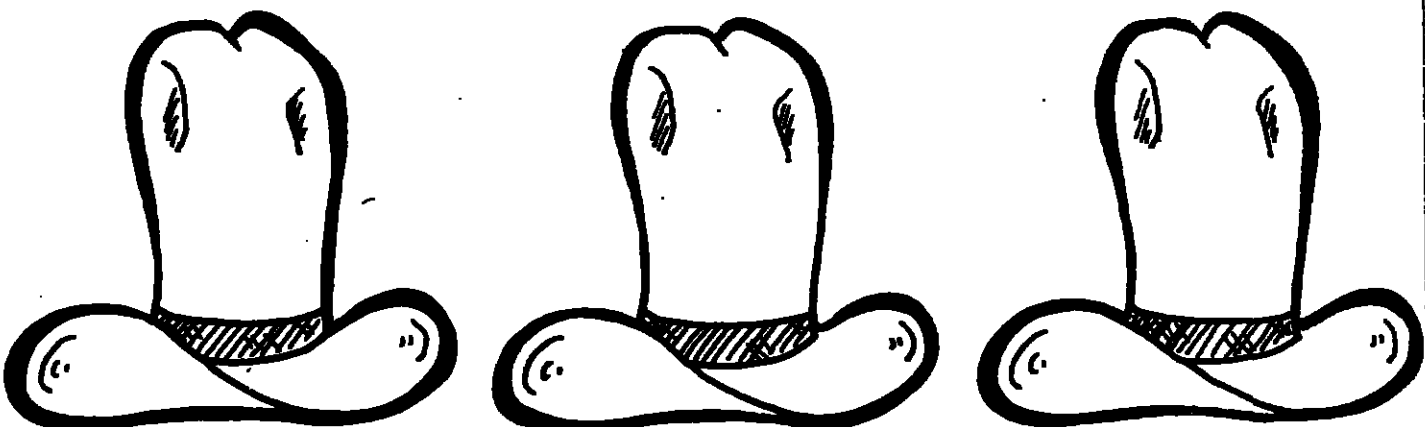
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L A W T O R L R I E D L T I B  
P S O N K E O T J U A N A A R  
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R P L A L I E N U L E N D S G  
L O B N A G U N O S R G O H E  
A N U R N U T O P Y T T A O M  
V R O U C L O U S S E L P P Y  
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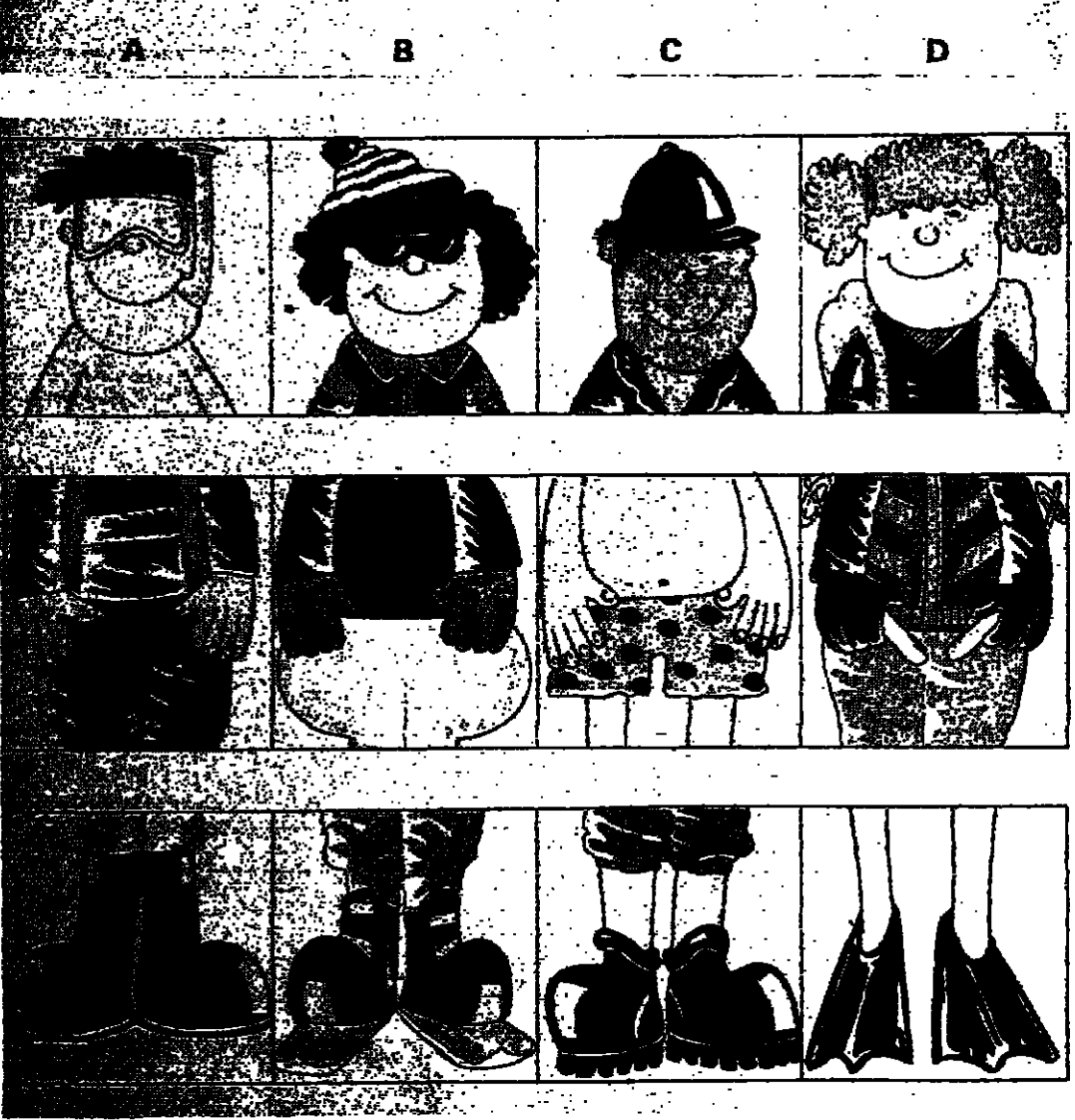
FIRD likes to eat FRUITABLES — part fruit, part vegetable.

Follow these steps:

1. Draw a ring around the middle hat
2. Put an X on the last hat
3. Colour the first hat brown

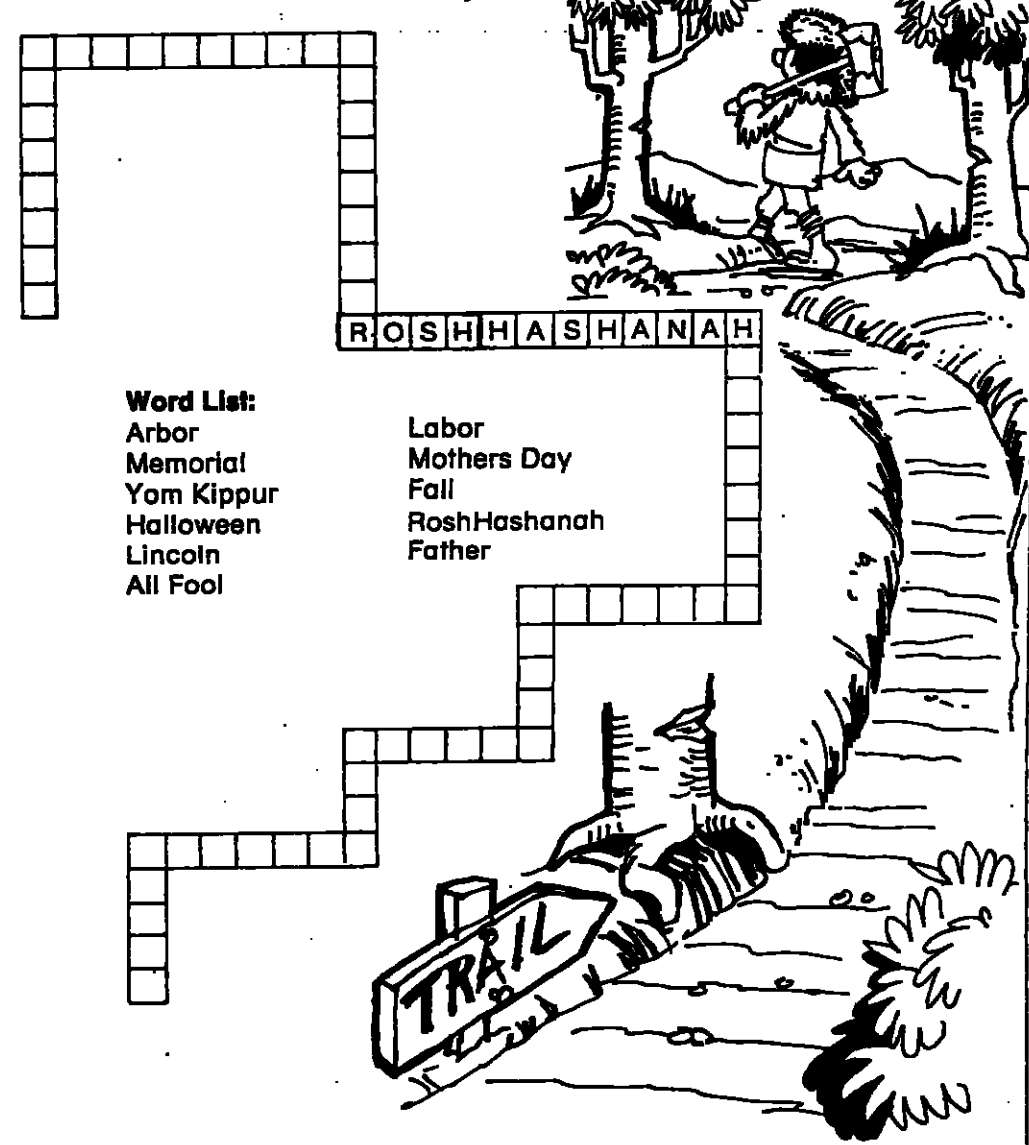


Ready, set, go! Match the correct tops, middles and bottoms.



Holiday Trail Blazer

Directions: Place the words from the list below in the boxes to form a continuous pathway. Place one letter in each box. Corner letters are shared by two words. Use each word only once.



Word List:  
Arbor  
Memorial  
Yom Kippur  
Halloween  
Lincoln  
All Fool

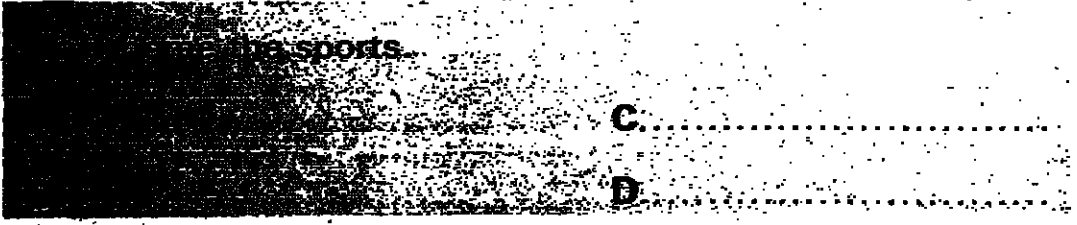
Labor  
Mothers Day  
Fall  
Rosh Hashanah  
Father

Is your birthday to come soon?  
Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times?  
Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday!  
Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend, brother or sister by putting their picture in for them.  
The details we need are:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(confidential)

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Your favourite most recent picture (4x6)



How observative are you?

Which two keys are alike?



Just for laughs!

This teacher found this boy doing a headstand in the middle of the class. He said, "What are you doing that for?"  
The boy said, "I'm turning things over in my head."

Did you hear about the stooped astronaut who opened a pub on the moon? He said he thought it would be nice to have a place with some atmosphere.

They said, "You haven't got a chance of playing cricket. You're all lopsided."  
I said, "I'll play short leg and long leg."

"Did you hear about this bowler who stuck feathers all over his cricket ball?"  
"No, what happened?"  
"The batsman got a tickle."

Circle the bag.  
Draw a line under the two birds.





## EVENTS

## Anarkali by Prameela Surendran



Prameela rehearsing a sequence for Anarkali.

ANARKALI, the story of romance and tragedy, is to be presented in the form of a dance-drama by Prameela Surendran, an Indian classical dance exponent, in the first week of November.

Prameela, who runs the Narthana dance group, said the dance drama was especially written for her group by Diwakaran Master of India.

The story of Anarkali has been made into film and has a wide appeal because of its romantic flavour. It tells the tragic love story of Prince Saleem, son of Mughal Emperor Akbar and commoner Nadira, who meets a tragic end for her romantic links with the prince. Nadira was given the nickname Anarkali for her beauty and elegance.

Costumes and sets for the dance-drama have been brought from Madras, India, and thousands of dinars have gone into its production.

More than 10 principal dancers, including Prameela and Balu, have begun rehearsals for the show, sponsored by National KITE and Mughal Mahal.

The cast includes N.K.G. Nair, Balram Chowdhary, Bhavadas Kumar, Prasanna, Ford John, Sindu, Sabhari and Geeth Philip.

The Narthana Group had last year successfully staged its first dance drama, Ramayan.

This year's show, called Nrithotsav '89, is being held to mark Nehru's birth centenary.



Anarkali's cast: (L-R) Rajesh, Prasanna, Cgabri, Bhavadas, Prameela, Gopi, Sindu, Balu, John and Sai.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Salem Pharmacy  
Fahd Al Salem St.  
Ib 1 Rushd Pharmacy  
Lauji Souq  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Kamal Pharmacy  
Tunis St.  
Salmiya and Ramathlyia  
Soma Pharmacy  
Baghdad St.  
Fahadheel and Ahmadi  
Sadaf Pharmacy  
Makkah St.  
Jaleeb Al Shiyokh  
Al Nammur Pharmacy  
Jaleeb Al Shiyokh  
Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Jahra

## CINEMA

Al Andalus  
Young Guns  
Salmiya  
Moonstruck  
Al Hama  
Arabic film  
Private In  
Arabic film  
Al Firdous  
Dasta  
Fahadheel open  
Haggeat  
Fahadheel  
Skate town USA  
Al Jahra  
Zamana  
Granada  
Ponmutta Edunna Tharav  
Salaibkhat  
Moon Walker  
Jleeb  
Kheer Saathi  
Ahmadi Drive-in  
Arabic film.



Participants busy working on their trousers.

## Barlong Tagalog modelling contest

**Kapilku's Tailor Graduation**  
The third session of Kapilku's Tailoring Course, last Friday at the Far East Restaurant, proved to be a big success.

The participants were shown the professional techniques of cutting, sewing, zipper handling and perfecting style.

**Barlong Tagalog**  
Kapilku's president Manny Inserto announced that the highlight of next week's session and the graduation ceremony will be the selection of the best male and female models for Barlong Tagalog, the Filipino national dress.

Inserto stressed that the competition is open to all Filipinos (not restricted to the course participants). The Barlong Tagalog may be stitched in Kuwait or brought from the Philippines as long as the model is

Filipino. The winners will be judged on the original style, design and presentation. The top three winners will be awarded trophies, medals and special prizes from the sponsor.

Entry submissions can be made at the Far East Restaurant or by contacting vice-president Sarah Macarimbang on 4843447. Entrance is free of charge and the deadline is Thursday, Oct 12 at noon.

Those who have not yet received their Certificates of Attendance and the deadline is Thursday, Oct 12 at noon. All respective participants are requested to come for the certificate distribution.

A buffet lunch will be served at KD 2.500 by the sponsoring company Far East Restaurant.

## Kuwait Little Theatre's Carnival

DESPITE popular opinion, Kuwait Little Theatre in Ahmadi is still alive and well. Throughout the summer the backstage crew have been putting together a fete with a difference — The KLT Carnival.

Using all their theatrical expertise they have devised over twenty-five stalls which promise to be as entertaining as their shows. Their resident stage manager even spent part of his summer vacation researching how the professionals put together a funfair. Butlins Holiday Camp in Skegness may never be the same again but he has brought back many new ideas as far as fetses are concerned in Kuwait.

The fete will be held in the theatre grounds on

Thursday, Oct 12 from 2 to 5 pm, and only costs 250 fils to enter. Circus is the theme of the KLT Carnival but there will be many of your favourite pantomime characters there as well to entertain you (and take your money).

While the kids are spending their parents' money in the Kids Corner, dad can try his hand at the Darts, the Coconut Shy or the Crazy Golf, while mum is gossiping in the Tea Tent or trying to augment her shopping at the Hoopla Stall. It promises to be a real family affair.

Kuwait Little Theatre in Ahmadi has always put the children at the top of their priorities when it comes to their traditional pantomime. The KLT Carnival is no different. There will be nine stalls just

for them. There will be kites and balloons to buy, a Lucky Dip, Fish A Duck, Roll a Coin, and a very frustrating Chopped-Up game.

One of the real fun stalls promises to be Hammer a Vase. It requires quite a lot of skill not to mention a bit of luck and not surprisingly no one in the crew has managed to do it yet.

No Fete would be complete without a Prize Draw, and KLT have two return air tickets to win, one to the UK and one to Bahrain, as well as many more prizes. Tickets can be had on the day, or from any member of the Carnival Committee.

There are many more surprises in store. So don't miss the KLT Carnival on Thursday, 12th October from 2 to 5 pm. See you there!

## WHAT'S ON

## SOCIAL

**Colva Nite**  
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salem Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

**Breeze 89**  
Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salem Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

**Moods & Melody**  
"Moods & Melody" performs "Geet Maala" — a presentation of pop songs from Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films — on 12th October 1989 at Indian Arts

**Sheba Sound**  
SHEBA Sound, a classical quartet of oboes, bassoon and harpsichord, will perform at the Muscat Theatre on Oct 15, at 8.00 pm. Price KD4 and at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 15, where the performance will include a sit-down dinner for KD9, inclusive.

Please ring 5382099 for reservation and look out for posters in Tanagra boutiques who are sponsoring the visit.

**Bengali Cultural Society**  
Bengali Cultural Society celebrates Bijoya on 12th October. For details contact 4315561, 5613014, 5617036.

**Carnatic Music**  
THERE will be a Music Performance by Maharajapuram Santhanam on October 17, 1989. For your reservations contact Tel: 5627718 or 5631230 or 5612114.

**British Council**  
HEAVENLY Pursuits: Saturday, Oct 14 and Sunday, Oct 15 at 6.30 pm (91 min.). This is a gentle comedy which deals quietly, affectionately and sensitively with some controversial issues: faith versus science, belief versus scepticism, miracles versus the potential of men to rise above their circumstances. The acting is excellent and the photography reveals a whole new side of Glasgow. It is enjoyable.

interesting and leaves one feeling good when the credits roll.

**Woody Woodpecker and His Friends**: Wednesday, Oct 18 at 6.00 pm; Thursday, Oct 18 at 10.30 pm. Meet the fast-talking Woody Woodpecker and his friends: Buzz Buzzard, Chilly Willy, Wally Walrus and Andy Panda. Join them in their full-filled adventures and have a great time!

Free admission but please book seats by calling: 2515512, 2533204 and 2533227.

**Sir Syed Day**  
Aligarh Muslim University old boys will celebrate Sir Syed Day on 26th October at 8 p.m. at SAS Hotel.

Competitions for all participating children will be held in various categories in fancy dress, painting, general and Islamic knowledge etc. Please contact Farid Chowdhury (Tel: 4842037/5623585), Zahoorullah Shah (5657479/4891275) Salman Siddiqui (3923393).

**Boys own club**  
Boys own club are happy to announce that they will organise their one day seven a side football festival on 12th Oct. 1989 at Al Sour ground. The draw will be held at 6.30 am on the same day and the matches will start at 7 am sharp. This tournament has been sponsored by M/s Kuwaiti British Ready-mix Company.

Teams wishing to enter this tournament can contact Joe D'Souza on Tel No. 4813622/25 ext. 147.

**Messilah Beach Hotel**  
HALLOWEEN Party to be held at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 31, 1989. For booking contact Recreation Office at 5624111 Ext. 751/739.

**Bharat Mela**  
OCT 13: Bharat Mela '89, organised by UMO, continues on Oct 13 at the Indian embassy auditorium. The programme is as follows: 9 am — inter-school children's programme; 3 pm — symposium on "Democratic Socialism and Nehru"; 6 pm — a fancy dress competition for children. All are welcome.

**Kuwait Cultural Centre**  
NEW courses at the cultural centre: yoga healing classes, two sessions in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays; jujitsu (martial arts), Saturday and Mondays, pm; Chinese cooking classes, Saturdays, 9-11 am. For details call 5624393.

**Barefoot in the Park**  
THE Kuwait Players open their 1989/90 season with the comedy 'Barefoot in the Park'

by Neil Simon. Directed by Ken Winston & produced by Glennis Muckie, the show opens with a gala performance on Oct 31, 1989 at 9 pm in the Mousetrap Theatre at the New English School. Tickets for the gala night performance at KD 4.000 each, which includes a light buffet after the show. Tickets for other performances on Nov 1, 2, 3 and 4 are KD 3.000 each. Reservations can be made by ringing 3903475.

**Pakistan Peoples Club**  
THE Pakistan Peoples Club will hold a Milad Mahfil to observe Eid-e-Milad on Thursday Oct 12 at 1600 hrs at the residence of Nazeer Dogar. It was announced by Dr Riaz Ahmed Mahesar. All new and old members are invited.

**Deepawali**  
OCT 19, at 7.00 pm: Indian Arts Circle. Funanities. Organised by Satkaar, a musical evening with dances, songs and a brief comedy drama, to celebrate the festival of lights — Deepawali. For invitation cards, contact: Rajpal Tyagi, 5623545; Pushpender Sharma, 5620810.

**Kuwait Caledonians**  
THE Annual general meeting will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel on Sunday, Oct 15, at 7.30 pm. All members welcome. For details Tel: 5335082.

**Hiyas ng Pilipinas**  
THE search is on for the selection of Hiyas ng Pilipinas — Kuwait 1989 in celebration of Philippine Community Day, a joint project of the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) and the Philippine embassy. Criteria will be based on personality and talent of each candidate. Deadline for submission of entries will be on Friday, Oct 13 at Aralyia Restaurant at 10.00 am. All interested participants can submit their entries to VP Sarah Macarimbang on 4843447 or to Jun Mercado on 4899478.

**Bookkeeping and Accounting**  
THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their self-improvement courses or the free classes. Bookkeeping and Accounting on Friday, Oct 20, at Far East Restaurant at 9.00 am. The courses will run for four Fridays and all successful participants will be awarded the Certificate of Attendance by the organisers. Lecturers for the courses are: Kapilku President Manny Inserto who

will take up basic and advanced bookkeeping and accounting in banking, Finance Officer and Attache of the Philippine embassy Jun Arenas who will cover the complete government accounting specially in Taxation, Jun de Dios, Finance and administration Manager of EEI who will explain in details the financial accounting in construction company and the Administration side, Joe Sta. Maria, Chief Accountant of EEI will cover construction accounting and financing the business and Delfin Yambot, chief accountant of KBC will discuss accounting in manufacturing business. All interested participants can register to VP Sarah Macarimbang on 4843447.

**Kuwait Little Theatre — Ahmadi**  
PRESENT their season opener fete — the KLT Carnival. Over twenty-five stalls for all the family. Plenty of thrills and surprises in store. Thursday, October 12, at 2 to 5 pm in the theatre grounds. Entry is at the ridiculously low price of 250 fils for all age groups.

**Narthana**  
AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/24-61589/5643126.

**Filipino Sing-along Contest**  
OCT 12 & 20, Nov 10 & 17: Aralyia Restaurant will hold a Sing-Along Contest for Filipinos at 6 pm. A valuable prize will be given to the number 1 winner. If interested, please give your name and song title to 2428284/2402540. The finals will be held on November 24.

**Bengali dance drama**  
THE Bengali musical play "Nakshi Katha Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladesh poet Jashimuddin will be staged at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, on Nov 2 and 3. For details please contact: Tel. 5625456, 4893424, 4744490, 4742656, 4315759, 3713923.

## HOTELS

**Kuwait Continental**  
GARDENIA: Open from 7 am to midnight, offers a dinner buffet on Thursday nights and Friday lunch, consisting of Jumbo prawns, biryani and other charcoal grilled Continental, Arabic and Indian specialties. Our new Gardenia menu features chicken and mixed grilled sizzlers, which are everyone's favourite.

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**At the Holiday Inn**  
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**AL ANDALUS**: Thursday, Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.

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**THE SWIMMING POOL**: From 8.30 pm have a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbecue, music, games, prizes and surprises awaits each one. Bring your family 'n friends 'n savour our delicious Shazad barbecue at KD5.500 per pax and KD2.750 per child.

**Messilah Beach Hotel**  
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## SPORTS

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Sun 5.30 - 6.30. Martial arts with black belt instructor Mon-Wed 6. Taekwondo Sat-Mon. 7-8 Thurs 5-6. Bowling alley available for private company and community tournament. Five squash courts. Squash handicap every Sunday start 6 pm — all standards, open to non-members. Squash coaching available from professional coaches everyday, from 1 pm. Massage for men and women. Gym facilities for men and women. Tennis courts — coaching available plus lots more. Phone for further details — recreation manager, 4742000 ext 6788 Julie Dent or 6700 recreation.

**Dunhill Bridge**  
THE Dunhill Bridge tournament 1989-90 begins on October 2 at the Messilah Beach Hotel. It will stretch over 17 weeks, time being 7.45pm every Monday. The best 9 scores will be considered and there are lots of prizes to be won.

**Aerobics**  
Aerobics with Chris Hill at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Mixed classes on Sundays and Tuesdays; 6.30 - 7.30 pm. Enquiries: 5624111 ext 751.

**Kuwait International**  
FIT FOR LIFE: Tennis coaching for ladies, juniors and seniors by Frank Novak — an

experienced Canadian coach and tennis player. Enrolment on-going. Also fun tennis sessions for the family. Other classes are: Ladies keep fit, men's keep fit, yoga, judo, karate and taekwondo. Details with Anthony Kingma at 2530000/8050.

**Children's sports**  
A CHILDREN'S sports festival will be held on Oct 27 at the University ground, Shuwaikh. All Bangladeshi children are eligible to participate. Each participant will be given a free T-shirt. Willing participants are requested to contact any one of the following telephones for registration: 4840759, 4710306, 4312989, 4312730, 5716586, 3714353, 3626646.

**Messilah Beach Hotel**  
YOGA and natural therapies: Yoga and natural therapies classes will be resuming 8th October on Sunday 5pm - 6pm and 11th October on Wednesday 9am - 10am. Five lessons at KD10, to register contact Recreation Office at 5624111 Ext. 751/739.

PRAYERS	
Fajr	4.27 am
Zuhr	11.35
Asr	2.55 pm
Maghreb	5.23
Isha	6.40

KTV 1		KTV 2	
9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran	4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalatha: Cartoon Serial (Part 10)	12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown	8.00 Alaska.
9.40 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety	5.15 Fi Khidmat Al Jomhoor: Local Programme		8.30 News in English
10.00 Around The World: Cartoon Serial	5.30 Summer 1989: Local Variety Programme		8.45 Morning Star, Evening Star. An old woman resident discovers that she has cancer and plans to keep the matter as secret.
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite	5.45 Night Chemists. Airlines and official advertisements	6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran series for children	9.30 Discover. New findings and possible cure for osteoporosis — The miniature defibrillator, a major advance for heart patients. Saving the peregrine falcon.
10.30 Shay Ismah Al Hob: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 9)	6.00 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods: Historical Serial (Part 10)	6.30 Professor Cobster. A special programme on timber and its role in architecture.	10.30 Murphy's Law. Murphy's ex-wife lost her precious necklace which is found by the insurance company. Her husband plans to take avail of this opportunity.
11.30 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety	7.15 Nijm Al Riyadh: Sports Programme	7.00 The Franchise Affair. Betty is able to describe the two women their car and the inside of the house in minute detail and it is the impossible task of local solicitor Robert Blair, to disprove the girl's claims.	11.00 News in Brief
11.40 Taleel: Bedouin serial, starring Ali Al Sameer, Akel Nejim	7.55 Made in Kuwait: Information Programme	7.30 Fishing The West. A look at fishing salmon in Kenay river in	11.45 Magazine D'Actualite
12.30 News Summary	8.30 Good Evening and Local News		
12.37 Holy Quran and Closedown	9.00 Arabic News		
	9.45 Ahlan Ya Jiddo Al Aziz: Arabic Serial (Part 10)		
	10.35 Variety late Night Show		
4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran	11.15 News Summary		
4.15 The World Today via Satellite	11.50 The World Today Via		



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**MITSUBISHI** Galant GLS '86 model dark green, automatic, 73000 kms, insured up to 1990, driven by one person, KD1250 ono. Tele. 2440409, 9020287 after 12 noon. (AT3-49767-3)

**ISUZU** Piazza, 1984, AC, automatic, blue, 64,000 kms, 2 door hatchback, lady owner, engine, body, interior all in good condition. Best offer. Cash. Tele. 2420531, 2420549. (AT3-49750-3)

**GALANT** GLS 2000cc, August 1985 model, AC, automatic, light blue, in excellent condition. Single owner leaving Kuwait. KD1,200 ono, cash. Tele. Patrick, 2465577-88, 10 am - 12 pm. (AT3-49745-3)

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## GOLF

## Langer hits 4-under-par 68 for win

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct. 9. (Reuters): West German Bernhard Langer, forced to settle for joint second place in the Langer Trophy on his last European Tour outing, won the West German Masters yesterday after a four-under-par 68.

Langer finished on 276, one ahead of Spain's Jose Maria Olazabal and US PGA champion Payne Stewart.

Olazabal and Stewart had birdie putts of 10 feet and 15 feet respectively to force a playoff but both missed. Olazabal shooting 69 and Stewart 71.

Langer, who blasted out to within inches of the flag after bunkering his third shot in heavy rain at the par five 18th said: "It's always a thrill to win on home soil and especially in my own tournament for the first time."

The 32-year-old Ryder Cup international will not play in this week's World Matchplay Championship in Britain and heads instead for another stroke play event in Munich.

"I decided three years ago that 36 holes a day was too big a strain on my back," he said.

Langer went out in 33 to overtake overnight leader Stewart, who dropped three shots in two holes.

The American holed from 25 feet to birdie the 12th but took four at the short 15th, which Langer birdied.

Stewart holed another 25 footer to birdie the 16th and get within a stroke again with Olazabal who birdied the 14th and 15th.

American Fred Couples, who eagled the last from 30 feet for a best of the day 66, and Australian Brett Ogle (68) tied for fourth on 280.

Britain's Nick Faldo, the half-way leader after opening with scores of 69 and 66, added a 73 to his third round 74 and shared seventh place on 282.

## Hammond scores 2nd PGA victory

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Donnie Hammond ran away from the field to score his second career victory on the US PGA Tour with a 22-under-par 258 at the \$600,000 Texas Open golf tournament yesterday.

Hammond's six-under-par 64 provided a seven-stroke margin of victory over Paul Azinger, who shot a final round of one-under 69 for a 15-under-par 265 total.

Hammond's first top-10 finish since February's broke the 72-hole course record of 259 set by Corey Pavin last year. His 258 was also the second lowest score ever recorded on the PGA Tour, one shy of the 257 mark set by Mike Souchak in the 1955 Texas Open.

Hammond, whose last win came at the Bob Hope Classic in 1986, earned \$108,000 for his efforts.

An 80-foot eagle putt on the 10th hole gave Hammond a five-stroke lead and just about assured victory. He had made the turn with a three-stroke lead over Duffy Waldorf and four over Azinger.

"I looked at my caddy, smiled and said 'that ought to do it,'" Hammond said.

"I knew I now had a five-shot lead and didn't want to lose it," said Hammond, who began the day with a two-shot lead over three players.

Following the eagle, Hammond birdied the 12th hole from four feet and added and insurance birdie on the 15th.

"It feels good to do it again (win), Hammond said. "This week I played as good as I can play. When I got in trouble I was able to scramble and get out of it."

## Cunningham helps Eagles beat Giants

## Buccaneers take Bears to task

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (AP): Vinny Testaverde took care of the Chicago Bears, Randall Cunningham cut down the New York Giants, and there was only one undefeated team left yesterday in the National Football League — the Los Angeles Rams.

Testaverde passed for three touchdowns and, before taking a hard knock himself, gave Chicago its hardest knock of the season, leading Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a 42-35 victory.

Cunningham, shut down for much of the game, ran for two touchdowns and led a game-winning drive as Philadelphia beat New York 21-19, giving the Giants their first loss.

So, with 290 passing yards and two touchdowns from Jim Everett, the Los Angeles Rams became the only 5-0 NFL team with a 26-14 victory over Atlanta.

In other games, it was San Francisco 24, New Orleans 20; Indianapolis 37, Buffalo 14; Cincinnati 26, Pittsburgh 16; Green Bay 31, Dallas 13; New England 23, Houston 13; Miami 13, Cleveland 10 in OT; Minnesota 24, Detroit 17; Kansas City 20, Seattle 16; Denver 16, San Diego 10, and Washington 30, Phoenix 28.

This evening's game had the Los Angeles Raiders at the New York Jets.

Buccaneers 42, Bears 35 Tampa Bay snapped a 12-game losing streak to the Bears, who lost for the first time this season.

Eagles 21, Giants 19 Cunningham drove the Eagles (3-2) 81 yards for the winning score, Anthony Toney's short touchdown run with 2:18 to play.

Rams 26, Falcons 14 Henry Ellard had eight receptions for 165 yards and Mike



New England Patriots' Fred Marion (right) has the ball tipped away at the last moment by Oilers' Drew Hill. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lansford kicked four field goals as the Rams beat the Falcons (1-4) for the second time this season. 49ers 24, Saints 20

For the fourth time in five games, Joe Montana rallied the 49ers to victory, this time with three second-half touchdowns passes that beat New Orleans.

Montana rallied the 49ers for victories against Indianapolis,

Tampa Bay and Philadelphia in the first three games this season. Colts 37, Bills 14

Eric Dickerson, still sore from a hamstring injury, ran for two touchdowns, and Buffalo (3-2) committed five turnovers that Indianapolis converted into 23 points.

Bengals 26, Steelers 16 Boomer Esiason directed a

pair of 80-yard scoring drives on a sore ankle, and James Brooks ran for two fourth-quarter touchdowns for Cincinnati (4-1).

Packers 31, Cowboys 13 Don Majkowski threw four touchdown passes as Green Bay beat Dallas (0-5), off to its worst start since 1960 when the Cowboys were 0-10.

Patriots 23, Oilers 13

Sidelined the previous two games, John Stephens sparked New England's offense, playing key roles in the Patriots' first three scoring drives, then running for an 11-yard touchdown and a 20-3 lead in the third quarter.

Dolphins 13, Browns 10 (over time)

Rookie Pete Stoyanovich,

who missed a 45-yard field goal with three seconds left in regulation, kicked a 35-yarder in overtime for Miami (2-3)

Broncos 16, Chargers 10 Rookie Bobby Humphrey, rushing for 102 yards in his first pro start, scored a tackle-breaking touchdown with 1:03 left as Denver beat San Diego. The Broncos (4-1) trailed 10-9 before mounting a 74-yard, 11-play drive.

## Standings

Standings of National Football League teams after games played yesterday (tabulate under won, lost, tied, points for, against):

American Conference				
Eastern Division				
	W	L	T	PF
Buffalo	3	2	0	133
Indianapolis	3	2	0	108
Miami	2	3	0	101
New England	2	3	0	73
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	98

Central Division				
	W	L	T	PF
Cincinnati	4	1	0	123
Cleveland	3	2	0	129
Houston	2	3	0	134
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	76

Western Division				
	W	L	T	PF
Denver	1	1	0	122
San Diego	2	3	0	96
Seattle	2	3	0	95
Kansas City	2	3	0	87
L.A. Raiders	1	3	0	100

National Conference				
Eastern Division				
	W	L	T	PF
NYG	4	1	0	135
Washington	3	2	0	137
Philadelphia	3	2	0	125
Phoenix	2	3	0	98
Dallas	0	5	0	54

Central Division				
	W	L	T	PF
Chicago	4	1	0	164
Green Bay	3	2	0	148
Minnesota	3	2	0	100
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	104
Detroit	0	5	0	74

Western Division				
	W	L	T	PF
L.A. Rams	4	1	0	142
San Francisco	4	1	0	124
Atlanta	1	4	0	92
New Orleans	1	4	0	106

## Al Jazzaf trounces Green for title



From left to right: El Hakim (coach), Jane Drake, Bob Green, Julie Dent, Mahmoud and Shafik Haddad.

MAHMOUD Al Jazzaf beat Bob Green in the final of the Holiday Inn Squash Tournament, sponsored by Saco/Goodyear, recently.

Al Jazzaf won the match fairly comfortably in three straight sets 9-7 9-5 9-3. It was, however, a hard night for both finalists as they had to play their semifinal matches earlier in the evening.

This was the first squash tournament organised by the new managers at the Holiday Inn, Julie Dent, who was pleased that the event went off smoothly without hitches.

Some of the players, however, found the format of four matches in two nights a bit of a strain but with Julie being a famous body-

builder — nobody was going to argue.

In the semifinals Al Jazzaf trounced Sethi 9-2 9-5 9-3 although he was nearly knocked unconscious when he head-butted the wall while trying to retrieve one of Sethi's deadly drop shots. Sethi offered his turban as a protection but Al Jazzaf carried on without it.

In the other semifinal Bob Green beat Julie Dent 9-7 9-6 9-9 in a closely fought battle.

The Holiday Inn holds a handball tournament every Sunday at 6.00pm — all standards are allowed to take part. For further information contact Julie Dent, Tel 4742000 ext 6700.

## Starkey to quit racing

LONDON, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Veteran British jockey Greville Starkey, who has lost his job with trainer Guy Harwood, has decided to retire from racing at the end of the season.

Starkey, 49, has been with English trainer Harwood for 14 years but is being replaced next season by Ray Cochrane.

Starkey, overlooked for the ride on Cacoethes for yesterday's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp, said he was going to South Africa next month and would have his last public ride there.

Next season he has agreed to help at the Newmarket stable of Michael Stoute, for whom he was once stable jockey.

"Stoute said: 'Greville will be joining our team but we have yet to discuss his role'."

Starkey, who rode his first winner in 1955 at Pontefract, owns a stud at Mildenhall in Sussex. His racing career has been sprinkled with controversy.

In 1974 he quit Henry Cecil's stable after losing the ride on relay race, Cecil's best horse at the time, to Lester Piggott.

A year later he won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Star appeal and was snapped up by Harwood.

Starkey's best season came in 1978 when he had 107 winners, including the Derby Oaks double on Shirley Heights and Fair Salina.

He rode the great Dancing Brave to victory in the 2,000 Guineas in 1986 but was widely criticised after being narrowly beaten on the same horse a month later in the Epsom Derby. He subsequently lost the mount to Pat Edderby.

## 'Fanzines' face uphill battle

LONDON, Oct. 9. (Reuters): British soccer has seen plenty of trends come and go.

Last year's craze on the terraces was waving inflatable bananas and fish. Now, it seems, supporters have moved into the era of the fan with a typewriter.

Many clubs dislike them, most of the national media are scornful, but magazines written, produced and published by the fans themselves rather than club public relations machines have begun to give a more candid view of British football.

Humour, general dissatisfaction with club authorities and an overriding love of the game have been the core ingredients of the "fanzine" explosion over the last four years.

At the last count there were more than 200 magazines. They range from the highly-regarded "When Saturday Comes", which now sells 43,000 copies, to more obscure publications such as "El Tel" (manager Terry Venables) was a space alien. ("Tottenham") "Tired and Weary." (Birmingham City).

A survey at Leicester University found that over one million fanzines will be bought this season, a statistic that should give the game's rulers considerable food for thought.

Bill Brewster, one of four full-time staff who now work in the "When Saturday Comes" London office, believes the growth of the fanzine market demonstrates the fact that not all English football fans are illiterate hooligans.

"I think that with most of the fanzines, even the people who produced them at the start thought some of the other

fans were idiots. But when they produced their magazines they suddenly found they had hundreds of people writing to them," he said.

"It made people realise that there are a lot of other fans around who find things like racism and hooliganism distasteful and are fed up with the way they are treated."

Brewster concedes, however, that fanzines face an uphill battle before they can claim to have influenced the football establishment.

But in the past year Tottenham fans writing in "The Spur" won concessions in their bid to stop the club from demolishing a popular area of terracing and "The voice of the valley" fanzine has been instrumental in the campaign to take Charlton Athletic back to their old ground after a three-and-a-half-year absence.

With the memories of the Hysel and Hillsborough disasters still all too strong, many ordinary fans would agree that the need to inject a little more fun into the national game has seldom been greater.

Despite this several clubs have banned the sale of fanzines at their grounds after unflattering reviews of either the board or the management appeared in print between humorous caption competitions and interviews with the bald-pated Bobby Charlton's hairdresser.

Other clubs have realised the fundamental truth that, without the supporters who pour through the turnstiles on a Saturday afternoon, the game means very little.

Whether the authorities like it or not, the fans with typewriters — or, as technology advances, fans with computers — seem to be here to stay.

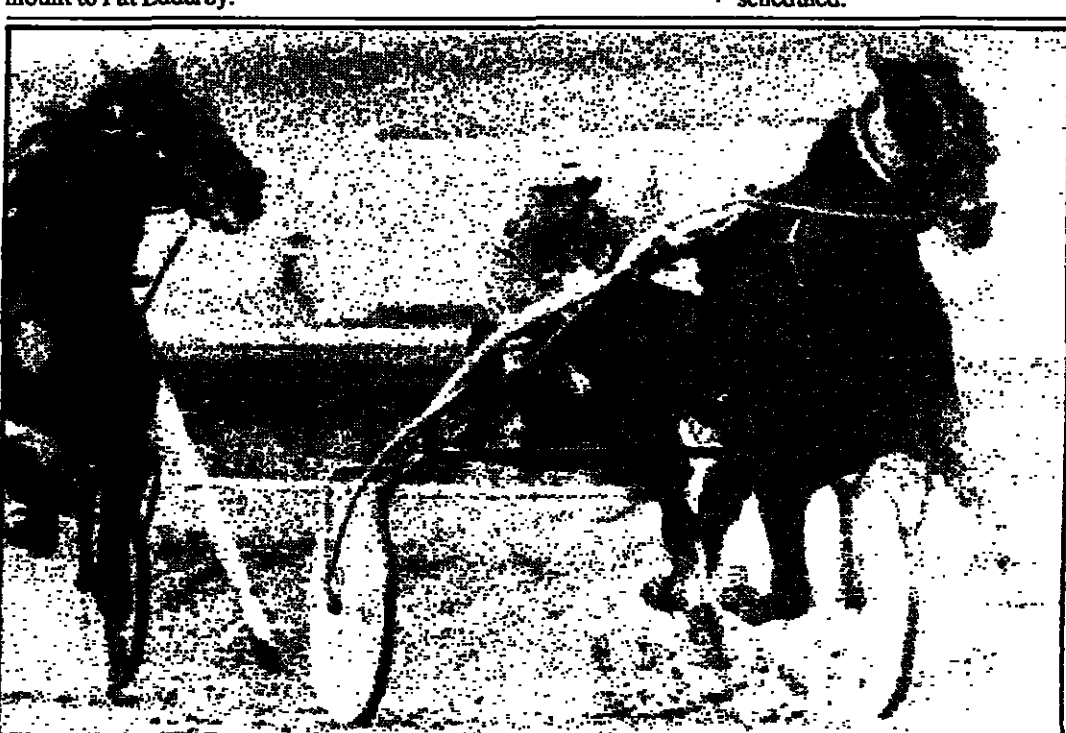
## Speelman and Timman draw

LONDON, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman agreed to a draw against Britain's Jon Speelman yesterday after a tense game in the World Chess Championship semifinals which ended with no change in the scores.

Soviet grandmaster Arthur Yusupov, whose game against fellow Soviet Anatoly Karpov was adjourned on Saturday, left the stage open for the contest between Timman and Speelman.

Speelman responded with a Dutch defence to Timman's opening but from then on the two players moved into unclear positions with the advantage shifting between them. The players reached their first time control after 40 moves.

After Timman played what many experts felt to be an inaccurate 43rd move, Speelman took another pawn and offered a draw.



## Fastest trotter

The world's fastest trotter Mack Lobell and driver Veijo Heiskanen won a trotting race in Hamburg on Sunday. This was the first time that Mack Lobell raced against Napoletano, also recognised as one of the world's best trotters. Napoletano finished third. Above: Heiskanen takes Mack Lobell past another team. Right: Heiskanen, from Sweden, lifts the trophy after winning the race. (Reuters wirephoto)



## Irish jockey celebrates dream weekend

PARIS, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Irish champion jockey Michael Kinane left France today a relieved, happy and rich man after the most momentous weekend of his life.

Twenty-four hours after winning the Cartier Million for two-year-olds on the Cartaker at Dublin's Phoenix Park, Kinane rode Carroll House to victory in yesterday's dramatic Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp.

In four minutes' work Kinane collected about \$1.7 million for his owners and about \$170,000 for himself.

"I've never had a weekend like this before and I don't suppose I will ever have another," the Irishman said after Carroll House survived an objection and a stewards' inquiry to lift the Arc for English trainer Michael Jarvis.

There were plenty of worried faces after French jockey Alain Lequeux, riding second-placed filly Behera for the Aga Khan, lodged an objection claiming



Michael Jarvis (left), trainer of Carroll House stands with owner Antonio Balzani (right) and an unidentified friend after the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

interference.

From the grandstand it seemed it might well succeed. In the closing stages Carroll House ducked sharply right forcing

Behera on to the rails behind the weakening Saint Andrews.

Lequeux had to stop riding for a moment, then pull his mount around Saint Andrews.

But by then Carroll House, an 18-1 chance on the Parisian tote, was clear and went on to win by one and a half lengths. Saint Andrews hung on to third place just ahead of stable companion Young Mother.

Kinane insisted the interference did not amount to much but still confessed himself "happy and relieved," when, after 20 minutes, the objection was overruled.

Expert opinion favoured Behera but the eventual winning margin may have persuaded the stewards that even without interference Behera would not have won.

The incident brought to mind the Arc of 1985 when English-trained Rainbow Quest was awarded the race in the stewards' room at the expense of first past the post Sagace, following interference.

The fates that rule the Arc had begun smiling on Kinane even earlier. Overnight rain eased the going to good-to-soft, far and away the best surface for Carroll

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## Colts beat BKME in opener

LANKA COLTS (Trico) celebrated their entry into the Hubara Cricket League by defeating BKME by 2 wickets in a KOC Jashanmal Trophy Friday League game played over the weekend at Alhamra.

Winning the toss and electing to bat, BKME opened their innings with Basaki and Saleem. Playing cautiously, they took the total to 17 when Bastaki was the first to depart, caught and bowled by Solomon for 6. Sandeep the next man in, did not last long and was soon LBW to Nalaka while trying to play across the line.

Ashraf and Saleem both kept the scoreboard moving with some well-timed shots. They took the score to 92 for 2 at the end of the 16th over and the foundation had been laid for a respectable BKME total. Their partnership was however broken when Ralph deceived Saleem with an arm ball to bowl him out and drop for a well-made 44.

Ashraf soon departed, superbly stumped by Chris off the veteran Oliver for 29. Wickets then started to fall at regular intervals and with the exception of Skipper James who remained unbeaten on 18, the rest of the BKME batsmen had no answer to the Colts bowlers who bowled a tight line and length.

The Colts bowlers were well supported by some excellent out-fielding and a competent display of wicket-keeping by Chris who claimed 4 stumpings and a catch.

BKME were finally all out for 143 in the 30th over setting the Colts a run rate of 4.8 runs an over for victory.

Sanka Perera bowled his seamers to an immediate line and length captured 3 wickets for 8 runs off just 1.4 overs. Ralph with a typical economical spell of 2 for 22, Oliver with 2 for 44, Nalaka and Solomon with a wicket apiece shared the bowling honours for the Lanka Colts.

Colts, in reply, were given a sound start by openers Nalaka and Solomon who scored 34 runs for the first wicket in 6 overs, at which time Solomon was caught off Rone for 12.

Nalaka batted with great confidence and authority producing some delightful shots all round the wicket. Chris at the other end was always on top of the bowling scoring at will with some elegant strokes.

With the Colts total at 72 Nalaka was well caught by Rone off Saleem for 40 while making runs which included a beautiful 6 over long on, off pace man Rone.

Skipper Hiran coming in next dispatched the very first delivery off Saleem over the boundary for 6, but was soon caught behind off the same bowler.

Chris trying to accelerate the run rate was caught low down by Saleem off James for a valuable 33. It was then left to Ralph and Rone to take charge of the situation and guide Lanka Colts to victory.

Ralph having struck James over mid-wicket for 6 was caught trying a repeat stroke with a personal contribution of 22. Rone taking the responsibility on himself batted with great confidence and maturity, remaining unbeaten on 19 which included two 4's. Colts cruised to victory with a comfortable 3 overs and 2 wickets to spare.

Saleem with 3 for 42 and James with 3 for 30 were the outstanding bowlers for BKME.

## Can'tt blast Gold Star

CANTT Cricket Club scored a nine-wicket victory over Gold Star Cricket Club in a friendly match at the Salmiya ground earlier this week.

After winning the toss, Gold Star opted to bat but made a bad start and were soon in trouble and lost their first seven wickets for only 48 runs.

Jahangir, however, put Gold Star back into the game with a quick 38, scored with the help of seven fours. Gold Star managed to reach 93 in 18 overs before they were all out. Tariq was the only other batsman to reach the double figures with 14. For Cantt, Shariq bowled well and took four wickets while Darryl got two and the rest were run out.

In reply, Cantt opened their innings through Fayyaz and Abbas. Abbas was soon run out but Fayyaz and Tahir took Cantt past the victory target without any further loss. Fayyaz remained unbeaten on 35 and Tahir on 36.



Montu: all round performance

## Brothers sail past Prince

BROTHERS Sporting Club easily defeated Prince Cricket Club by nine wickets in the Indian Tea Board Trophy, sponsored by Indian Tea Board director San Gupta, played at EPI ground on Friday.

After winning the toss, Prince opted to bat and opened their innings through Mujahid and Shahid Raza. The first wicket fell at 32 and after that wickets started falling at regular intervals to some accurate bowling from Montu, Raju, Kanti and Yogesh. Prince managed to score 99 (all out) in 24 overs. Montu got 4 wickets for 20 runs, Raju for 21 runs and Kanti and Yogesh got one wicket each.

Brothers' innings was opened by Montu and Sadeq. From the first over they started hammering Prince bowlers. Sadeq was out for 21. Montu batted confidently and with Ashraf pushed Brothers to victory in only 15 overs.

At the end Montu was unbeaten on 38 and Ashraf 37.

## Giants beat Cubs for 3-1 lead

# Athletics in World Series

TORONTO, Oct. 9. (Reuter): The Oakland Athletics are in the World Series for the second successive year after a 4-3 win over the Toronto Blue Jays yesterday that gave them the best-of-seven game American League championship series 4-1.

Oakland, the best team in baseball this year with 99 regular season wins, become the first team to make consecutive trips to the World Series since the New York Yankees and Los Angeles Dodgers met in 1977 and 1978.

The Athletics will play the winner of the National League championship series between the San Francisco Giants and the Chicago Cubs.

Rickey Henderson was named the series Most Valuable Player. He batted an amazing .400, scored eight times and was the hero of Saturday's game with two home runs.

"He had one of the best playoff series ever," said Oakland manager Tony La Russa.

It was Henderson's dazzling speed on the base paths, however, that was most impressive. Yesterday he set a single series post-season record with his eighth stolen base.

"This is my happiest day in baseball. I had a great series and we won it all. I guess I surprised myself," said Henderson, who returned to the Athletics from the Yankees in a June 20 trade.

In a rematch of game one starters, Oakland's Dave Stewart out-pitched Toronto's Dave Stieb for the second time.

Stewart gave up eight hits in eight innings, but walked none in allowing two solo home runs — by Lloyd Moseby in the eighth inning and George Bell in the ninth.

Oakland's ace reliever Dennis Eckersley gave up the Blue Jays' final run in the ninth before stopping Toronto's desperate comeback attempt for his third save of the series.

Stieb allowed just four hits but lead-off walks in the first, third and seventh innings proved his undoing.

Oakland went ahead 1-0 when Henderson walked, stole second and scored on Jose Canseco's one-out single to centre field.

Henderson's triple, to right, centre drove in Walt Weiss, who



Eckersley (left) makes a fist at the Blue Jays dugout as Steinbach gives him a lift. (Reuter wirephoto).

had walked to lead off the third inning.

The Athletics picked up two more runs in the seventh inning that began again with a lead-off walk.

Trailing 4-1, Toronto rallied in the ninth.

Bell's leadoff homer cut the deficit to two and Tony Fernandez greeted Eckersley with a single, bringing the tying run to the plate with no outs.

Fernandez stole second, moved to third on Ernie Whitt's groundout and scored on Kelly Gruber's sacrifice fly for 4-3 before Eckersley struck out Junior Felix to end the threat and give Oakland the pennant.

And in San Francisco, Matt Williams broke a 4-4 deadlock with a two-run home run yesterday to take the San Francisco Giants to within one win of a World Series showdown with Athletics.

San Francisco's 6-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs gave them a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven game series and the Giants can claim the National

League pennant with a win at home this evening.

Should the Cubs win the next game, the series moves back to Chicago for the final two games on Wednesday and Thursday.

With the score tied 4-4 and left-hander Steve Wilson pitching for the Cubs, Will Clark led off the bottom of the fifth with a double to left field.

One out later, Williams won a 14-pitch duel with Wilson by hitting the game winning home run — his third homer of the series — into the left field seats.

Williams' nine runs batted in set a National League championship series record.

The winning pitcher was right-hander Kelly Downs, who replaced starter Scott Garrelts and allowed only three hits and no runs in four innings.

When Downs faltered in the ninth, Steve Bedrosian came in with the Cubs threatening last minute heroics.

But Bedrosian struck out Cubs slugger Andre Dawson with the bases loaded and sent the fans at Candlestick Park into a frenzy.



Athletics' pitcher Dennis Eckersley (centre) gets a hug from catch Terry Steinbach while McGuire leaps on them after the Athletics won. (Reuter wirephoto).



Blue Jays' 3rd baseman Kelly Gruber (left) and catcher Ernie Whitt collide as the latter catches a Mark McGuire pop up. (Reuter wirephoto).

## Kuwait Darts League

# Weearrapeepel rout Zero-up

HAVING survived unsuccessfully through last season's 28 game programme to achieve his high score trophy, Peter Rogan hit the mark at the first time of asking last Wednesday as the Kuwait Darts League got underway. His 140 inspired Weearrapeepel to an impressive 6-0 defeat of Zero-up ladies reversed the trend blanking their opponents 4-0.

A similar story for new boys Mugs Away, although Shower of Tossers must feel somewhat aggrieved by the margin of defeat considering the closeness of each match. Tony Wake bagged his 140 Trophy in defeating Mike McLeod 2-1, and it was left to Lady Tossers to restore pride to the camp with a clinical 4-0 win, despite 2 scoring Mickey Mouse trebles for Mugs' Caroline Finch.

M.E.E. gave Grabbers a hard time in the first K.D.L. fixture, coming away with all the points, as did ex-Shipwrecks, Four Play, as they took out Pacifists, formerly of the Monday League, 4-2 and 3-1. Has Beans got off to a flying start at home to Equalisers despite 140 from Ishan Soboh and 140 by Alan Wild but not

before Human Beans had gone down 3-1. Again, all the trophies went to the losing side. Irene Burton collecting 3 bulls in 3 darts and newcomer Hilary Hogan 2 MM trebles.

Last year's bottom two teams came out with a point each after their entertaining encounter, but Fintas Flyers must be kicking themselves for throwing away a 3-1 lead. Once again Fintas look to be the team everyone must beat as they showed no mercy in their 4-0 success. Fintas's baptismal 3-1 victory spared their men's blouses as Soweto Slingers set off in defence of their title with a controlled performance. Braving the journey up to the Iraq border Absolutely found the trip worthwhile taking the men's match points 4-2, whilst Black-out ladies made light of the opposition in recording a 3-1 victory.

The full Kuwait Wednesday Darts League results were as follows, with ladies scores in brackets:

Fintas	(3) 1 Sow Slingers	(1) 5
Has Beans	(1) 5 Equalisers	(3) 1
Mugs Away	(0) 6 5 of Tossers	(4) 0
Weearrapeepel	(0) 6 Zero-up	(4) 0
M Eastenders	(3) 6 1 Grabbers	(1) 0
Blackouts	(3) 2 Absolutely	(1) 4
Four Play	(3) 4 Pacifists	(1) 2
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## Lemond benefits from win

CARSON, California, Oct. 9. (UPI): Greg Lemond, an American who earned his fame and fortune in Europe, is deriving rich benefits from his recent Tour de France and World Championship triumphs.

Lemond, who became the first North American to win the Tour de France three years ago, returned from two years of misfortune, injury and a nearly-fatal accidental gunshot wound to win his second Tour de France title on July 23.

One month later in Chambéry, France, he became the fifth cyclist in history to win the World Pro Road Race title and Tour de France in the same season with a dramatic final 300-yard sprint.

Within a few weeks of joining such cycling legends as Belgium's Eddie Merckx and Stephen Roche of Ireland in completing the twin triumphs, Lemond signed the richest cycling contract in history, a three-year \$5.5 million deal with the French "Z" team, a clothing manufacturer owned by Roger Zannier. No other cyclist has ever earned even \$1 million for one season.

"When you think about it, athletes or anyone making that kind of money, it's hard to justify," Lemond said on Saturday during the inaugural World Cycling Invitational. "But there is a commercial value there for me and I tried to get the best deal, and I feel I am a valuable commodity for the company. Still, it's hard for me to justify it. I will never be able to spend all that money."

Additionally, Lemond recently signed a television and book contract with Warner Bros. and has several additional endorsement and sponsorship contracts that could boost his income to more than \$8 million in the next three years.

Lemond served as the official starter of Saturday's second season of the eight-team international track competition, Proseur, which represents Lemond's marketing and endorsement interests, is the operations and marketing corporation of the inaugural race.

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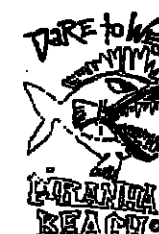


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## SPORTS

# Agassi crushes Gilbert to end title drought

ORLANDO, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Second seed Andre Agassi played his best match of the year in overwhelming top-seeded fellow American Brad Gilbert 6-2 6-1 at the \$415,000 Orlando Tennis Classic yesterday to end a frustrating 14 month title drought.

"It feels pretty good. There's no doubt about it," said Agassi after collecting the \$39,500

winner's prize for his first title of 1989. The 19-year-old teen idol won six tournaments last year.

Gilbert, ranked fifth in the world, declared himself "shell-shocked," after being blown off the court by Agassi's rocket forehand groundstrokes in just 57 minutes.

"I haven't been thrashed like that since Lendl

smoked me in May (6-0 6-1 at Forest Hills)," said Gilbert who was never in the match.

"Sometimes you can't play a good match. I'm gunning for the next person I play after getting thrashed today," he warned.

While Gilbert appeared flat-footed, the seventh-ranked Agassi could do no wrong yesterday.

He served impressively, hit return winners with supreme precision, passed with authority and even lobbed brilliantly.

"I felt in control of the points which is a confidence booster," said Agassi. "Once I got up and broke him to win the first set, I felt I had the advantage."

## Pakistan outclass Scotland

SINGAPORE, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Holders Pakistan stroled to a 3-0 victory over an outclassed Scotland team in their opening Group A match in the World Team Squash Championships today.

Newly-crowned world individual champion Jansher Khan lost just one point against Frank Ellis while Jahangir Khan beat Mark Maclean for the second time within a week.

Jansher disposed of Ellis 9-0-9-1 9-0, with Jahangir, who beat Maclean in the quarter-finals of the individual event in Kuala Lumpur, winning 9-0-9-4-9-3.

Umar Hayat Khan also had few problems against Alan Thomson, winning 9-6-9-7-9-3 as the Pakistanis made a confidence-boosting start to their bid for a fifth consecutive title.

Australia, expected to push Pakistan all the way for top honours in the biennial tournament, had to do without the injured Rodney Martin against Egypt in Group B but still recorded a comfortable 3-0 win.

Martin, who required 12 stitches in a head wound after a street accident, was replaced by brother Brett who beat Amir Wagh 10-9 6-9 9-2-9-2.

World Open runner-up Chris Dittmar showed no ill-effects from his strenuous matches against Jahangir and Jansher last week during his fluid 9-5 9-6 9-0 triumph over Ahmed Taher.

England, third in 1987, were buoyed by the return from injury of their number one Del Harris for their Group B match with Finland.

Harris, ranked 10th, in the world, defeated Sami Elopuri 9-5 9-2 9-9 9-7 as England took the tie 3-0.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Drug abuse

MOSCOW, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Governments are likely to be urged this week to help intensify the battle against drug abuse in sport by clamping down on the international trade in illegal substances. Calls for more governments to intervene in the war against sport's dope cheats are sure to be made at the second world antidoping conference beginning here today.

## Dutch player

MILAN, Italy, Oct. 9. (Reuters): European Footballer of the Year Marco van Basten has flown to the Netherlands to join his national side for Wednesday's World Cup qualifying match against Wales. His Italian club said today.

## Belgian defender

BRUSSELS, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Defender Georges Grun said yesterday he would not play for Belgium in Wednesday's World Cup European Group Seven soccer qualifier against Switzerland in Basle because of a knee injury.

## Cup qualifier

ALGIERS, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Algeria and Egypt drew 1-0 in a World Cup Africa Group third round first leg soccer qualifier in Constantine yesterday.

## Zivojinovic wins

SYDNEY, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Defending champion Nenad Zivojinovic defied an injured elbow to scramble into the second round of the Australian Men's Indoor Tennis Championships today. Zivojinovic overcame tenacious West Australian qualifier Darren Paten 5-7 6-2 6-4.

## Malhotra Trophy

THE first round matches of the "Malhotra" knockout cricket competition organised by Unity Cricket Club, will be played on Friday the Oct. 13 at the Al-Hadi grounds. At the New Grounds beginning at 09.00 am. Kokan meet Falcon, and umpires nominated are one each from Starlite Union, also in the morning at the Oval Ground. YMCA clash with Morning Star, and umpires will be one each from Unity, Al-Mulla.

## NHL games

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Results of National Hockey League games played yesterday:

Buffalo	2	Minnesota	2
Hartford	9	Quebec	6
Winnipeg	5	Philadelphia	3
New York	5	Chicago	3
Los Angeles	5	Detroit	0

## Troubled bid

LONDON, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Businessman Michael Knighton's troubled bid to buy Manchester United took another twist today when a high court judge adjourned until Thursday a hearing into an injunction obtained by club chief executive Martin Edwards.

# US win Federation Cup

## Navratilova rallies for win



Chris Evert

TOKYO, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Retiring tennis superstar Chris Evert awarded herself a farewell present today as the United States demolished Spain 3-0 and swept to a record 13th victory in the Federation Cup women's team tennis championships.

The triumph, which Evert said meant "ending on the highest note," came after her long-time friend and rival Martina Navratilova summoned up all her reserves to overcome French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez 0-6 6-3 6-4 in a two-hour battle of nerves.

Second-seeded Spain, who had never before progressed beyond the second round in the cup, took the defeat as valuable experience for Sanchez and Conchita Martinez, both 17 years old.

Victory for the veteran American team, who last won the

cup in 1986, made up for defeat in the 1987 final and a second round loss last year in Melbourne.

The final provoked high emotion all round. "When I was serving for the match, I was a wreck," Navratilova said. "This being Chris's last tournament it was that much more meaningful for all of us."

Evert, 34, started the victory roll by playing a consistent game to outclass fellow baseliner Martinez 6-3 6-2 in 81 minutes.

"(This win) means a lot," said Evert. "What better way to end (my career) than when you're playing for your country on a great team with good friends?"

"In the first set she played incredibly well," said Navratilova, the world number two. "She served well and returned well... she had me running."

But the Spaniard's concentration lapsed in set two when

Navratilova's willpower intensified.

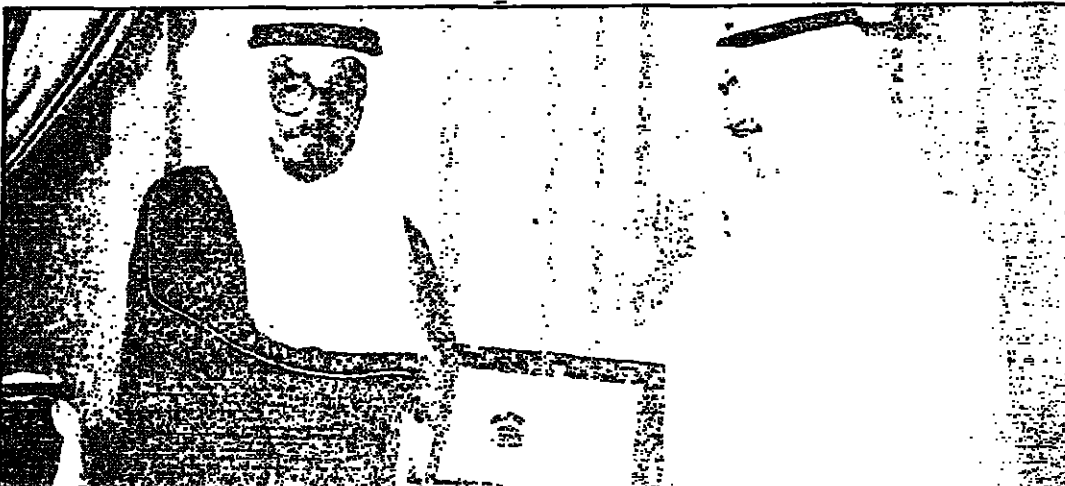
The turning point came in the third set after one service break each put the score at 1-1, with Sanchez to serve. The game went to deuce twice before Navratilova prevailed in a rally to take a break point.

The Czechoslovak-born American, playing her sixth Federation Cup in a "Stars and Stripes" skirt, held her serve as the pressure began to tell on Sanchez.

The Spaniard hit three lobs out of court in the last two games and then struck a weak backhand towards the crowd to lose the match.

Pam Shriver and Zina Garrison teamed up to take the doubles match against Martinez and Sanchez 7-5 6-1 and give the US their 3-0 win.

## Nader reaches semifinals



Sheikh Ahmed Jaber Al Sabah (right), member of the Kuwait Tennis Association, receives a plaque from the head of the Saudi delegation

NADER JAFFER of Bahrain reached the semifinals of the under-18 singles event at the Arab Brotherhood Tennis Championship, being held at the Ramada Al Salam tennis courts, with a 6-0 6-0 victory over Ali Othman of Saudi Arabia.

Nader was to meet Thamer Al Sadi, who defeated Kuwait's Ali Khaled Rashed 6-2 6-0, for a place in the final. In the other under-18 semifinal Iraq's Mohammed Abdul Aziz was to meet Egypt's Mohammed Alwani who beat Ali Omar of Morocco 6-4 7-5.

In the under-16 event, Tariq Hadeed of Kuwait reached the quarterfinals after a 6-2 7-5 victory over Syria's Ali Maher Tayyab. Bader Al Maqbool also qualified for the last eight by crushing Ali Mohammed of Sudan 6-0 6-0.

Other players who reached the under-16 quarterfinals include Suhail Youyah of Morocco.

Amro Ghonaim of Egypt and Tareq Al Sobaihi of Kuwait.

Kuwait's Khaled Rashed and Waleed Al Bana reached the semifinals of the doubles event and were scheduled to meet Mohammed Ahmad and Nader Jaffer of Bahrain.

The tournament, which is being held under the patronage of Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, the Kuwait Olympic Council chairman, will end this evening.

The tournament started on Oct. 2 and 15 countries are taking part in the event. In the earlier part of the tournament, Egypt took the under-18 and under-16 team titles.

The closing ceremonies are expected to start at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel playgrounds at 6.00 pm. The prize distribution ceremony will be held soon after the speeches by Sami Al Ibrahim, head of the Higher Organising Committee, and Husain Hafiz, the general secretary.

## Costa Rica qualify for World Cup

GUATEMALA City, Oct. 9. (Reuters): The United States battled Guatemala to a scoreless draw in a Concacaf zone World Cup soccer qualifier at Mateo Flores National Stadium yesterday.

The draw assured Costa Rica of its first ever berth in the World Cup finals and left the United States in third place in the race for the final Concacaf spot for 1990 in Italy.

The US has eight points from three wins and a pair of draws in six matches, while Trinidad and Tobago remain in second place with nine points from seven matches.

The last spot in the finals will not be determined until November 19 when the US travels to Trinidad and Tobago for their final match. The United States next plays El Salvador.

Muddy field conditions caused by heavy rains made for sluggish play on both sides but the US side had its chances against the gritty Guatemala squad.

The US had 12 of 17 shots on goal in the first half with their best scoring opportunity coming from scramble in front of the Guatemala net in which Bruce Murray's two shots were blocked by goalkeeper Ricardo Piccini.

Peter Vermes also narrowly missed on a breakaway down the right side when Piccini one handed the ball just before half-time.

US goalkeeper Tony Meola had two outstanding saves.



Sheikh Fahd (centre) chairs the meeting.

## Organisers review preparations

THE Higher Organising Committee yesterday reviewed preparations for the Peace and Friendship Games, scheduled to open Oct. 30.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, who is the deputy chairman of the organising committee.

Sheikh Fahd announced during the meeting that an invitation to attend the Games had also been sent to Andrew Young, the mayor of Atlanta City in Georgia, United States. The reply to the invitation is still awaited. If Andrew Young decides to attend the Games, he will be among a number of important world personalities, including French coach Michel Platini and International Olympic Committee chief Antonio Samaranch, to be present at the opening ceremonies.

The organising committee also decided to start hoisting the flag of the participating countries at all the venues from Oct. 15. The meeting also approved the budget for the Games.

The organisers also studied the preparations being made for the housing of all the visiting delegations and local functions.



tions and also looked at the agreements being reached with various hotels to accommodate all the athletes.

The co-operation being extended by all the ministries and other institutions of the country was also praised.

Sheikh Fahd will address a press conference this morning to inform the press about the preparations being made for the championship.

Meanwhile, the director of Education and Sports Department at the Ministry of Education has said that the ministry is concentrating on making plans on participation in all national

and local functions.

The director added that the ministry was keen on presenting the Islamic world with a good picture of Kuwait's development. He said that Kuwait would distribute a guide among the volunteers for the Games in order to increase their knowledge on the country so that they can provide Kuwait's guests with the required information.

The Public Relations Committee has, meanwhile, distributed a questionnaire among the volunteers to find out the problems they face or the obstacles they could encounter.

The Kuwait Gymnastics Union also announced yesterday that it would hold refereeing lessons from today until Oct. 18 at the Sports Leaders Preparation Centre. These lessons will include lectures and also practical lessons by international referees.

Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed also received a letter from Abdul Motalib Ahmed, the assistant general secretary of the Asian Olympic Council, praising him for the efforts that he was putting in to ensure the success of the championships.

## Starlite edge Falcon

STARLITE Cricket Club scored another victory, this time over Falcon by four wickets in a Gulf Bank Trophy match played at the KOC Al-Hadi ground on Thursday.

Starlite skipper Iqbal Rizvi, after winning the toss, put Falcon in to bat and this decision seemed to pay dividends as Zahid was caught at the boundary by Wassem of the second ball of the first over from Yogesh Patel, in his first appearance for Starlite.

Adnan and Nadeem batted cautiously and took the score to 38 before the latter was caught by Iqbal Rizvi off Maqsood (Jr) Haider. Adnan played some beautiful shots and helped Falcon score 143 runs in only 20 overs. Haider's knock of 38 was made with the help of two sixes and one four while Adnan's unbeaten innings of 65 runs contained 5 fours and one six.

Starlite, chasing a target of under seven runs per over, opened their innings with Bader and Pervaiz with the former being more adventurous. A double change saw Pervaiz (22) stumped by Khalid off Haider and Bader (37) being bowled by Zahid, making Starlite two for

52. Later on Ilyas, Mohammed Ali, and Maqsood scored 1, 2, and 2, runs respectively and were back into the pavilion putting Starlite into all sorts of trouble.

Starlite's Ajeaz Butt turned the tables on Falcon with some fine shots and hit 3 sixes and 4 fours in his innings of 49. Wassem was then joined by Arif Husain, who was batting cautiously at the other end. At this stage Starlite's total was 126. Arif Husain, however, stuck to the task hitting five fours in his unbeaten innings of 25 runs to guide Starlite to victory in the 17th over. Starlite scored 147.

For Falcon, Zahid was most successful bowler, capturing three wickets for 40 runs in five overs.

## Lendl to focus on Wimbledon

SYDNEY, Oct. 9. (Reuters): World number one Ivan Lendl will spend up to six weeks practising on grass in Australia next year in an all-or-nothing attempt to win Wimbledon, the one Grand Slam crown to elude him.

Lendl, number one seed for the Australian Indoor Tennis Open, confirmed today that he would miss the 1990 French Open in order to concentrate on winning the most famous tournament in tennis.

The US-based Czechoslovak will instead fly south to Australia where he will train on grass.

"I've never had the chance to find out how good I am on grass. I've never played two months solid on grass," Lendl told a news conference.

## Pressure builds for Real after defeat

REAL MADRID Manager John Toshack knows how his beleaguered Barcelona counterpart Johan Cruyff has felt recently following Real's 3-1 defeat by their arch-rivals in the Nou Camp stadium on Saturday.

The pressure on the Spanish League champions increased still further on Sunday when local rivals Atletico Madrid stole their top-of-the-league position by beating Zaragoza 2-1 at home.

To make matters worse, Real's Spanish international striker Emilio Butragueno looks unlikely to play in the European Cup second round first leg tie at AC Milan on October 18 after spraining an ankle.

"There are sprains that take 10 or 20 days to cure. We'll try to get him ready for the Milan match but that's in 10 days' time and we'll be hard pushed," said Real's team doctor.

Cruyff, meanwhile, took the opportunity to deny there had ever been a crisis for the Catalan club this season. "There is no crisis and there has been no crisis except for you, the media," he told reporters after the match.

Atletico Madrid coach Javier Clemente was, not surprisingly, in more relaxed mood, but said he would like his team to win by wider margins so that they could play less defensive football.



Napoli's Giovanni Francini (left) and Roma's Rudi Voller go for the ball (Reuters wirephoto)



Maradona (left) takes Roma's Luca Pellegrini during their First Division match. (Reuters wirephoto)

"I'd like to see us win 2-0 some time so that we can enjoy it more," he said.

"We always have the fans on the verge of a nervous breakdown and the players were a little frightened as well," said Clemente, who has no doubts about Atletico's ability to win the league.

"Milan disaster" ran the headlines in Italy's Gazzetta Dello sport newspaper after AC

Milan's 1-0 League defeat against newly-promoted Cremonese - the European champions' third loss of the season.

Milan, still missing four key players including Roud Gullit, slumped to seventh place in the standings with a meagre eight points from eight games in their worst start to the season for six years.

European Footballer of the

Year Marco van Basten, making a comeback after six weeks' absence following a knee operation, reported no problems with his fitness afterwards but was more concerned with his team's performance.

"This was a Milan best forgotten," he said. "I was used to playing in a certain position and the balls used to arrive for me there. But now the balls aren't arriving and I'm there waiting in vain."

Gullit was due to have a check-up on his knee in Brussels yesterday after taking a 40-day rest during which his only permitted exercise was cycling. "I've done more kilometres these last few days than Greg Lemond," he said.

Even if doctors gave him the all-clear, the Dutch striker was unlikely to be fit in time for AC Milan's clash against Real.

Napoli stayed top thanks to a 1-1 draw against Roma but seven players were booked and West German Rudi Voller sent off during an ill-tempered match.

Five players needed medical attention afterwards, including Diego Maradona who took a knock on the ankle, and Napoli's Brazilian midfielder Alemao with a bruised thigh.

"A match which could have been great was ruined. We can't let the best soccer championships in the world be spoilt like this," Maradona said.

In West Germany, Cologne went to the top of the table for the first time in two years despite producing, in the words of coach Christoph Daum, their worst performance of the season to beat lowly Homburg 1-0.

Rivals Bayern Munich are one point behind in second place after a goalless draw at Kaiserslautern.

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